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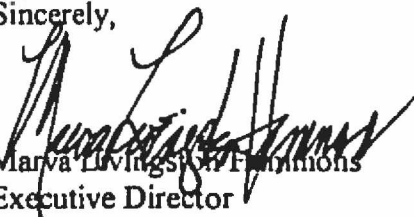
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The Honorable Rob Hernandez
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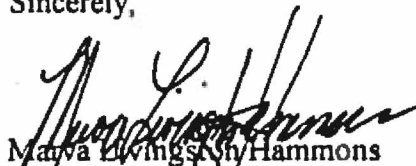
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The Honorable Marilyn Musgrave
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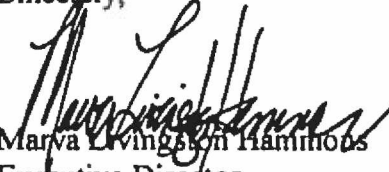
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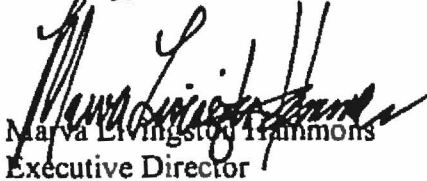
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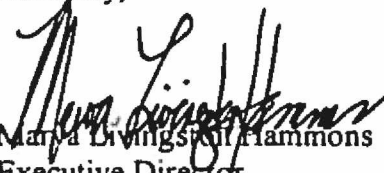
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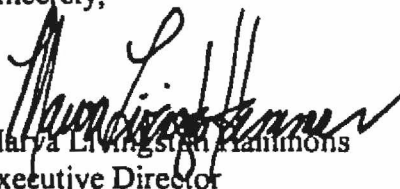
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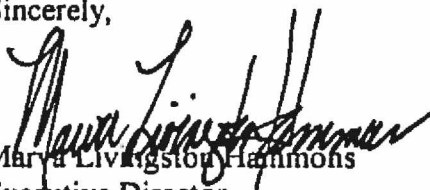
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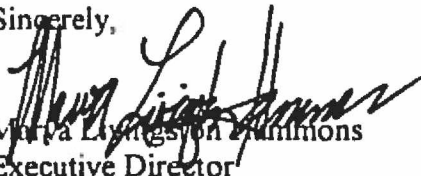
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136 State Capitol
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Speaker of the House
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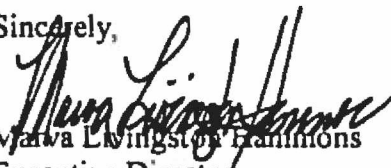
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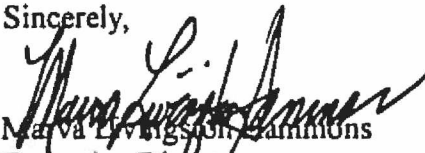
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	CROSS REFERENCE NUMBER:
DIVISION OR OFFICE: Child Welfare Services	DATE: October 26, 2000
PROGRAM AREA: Child Welfare	DIVISION DIRECTOR: Jane Beverage
TITLE: Abandoned Infants	MANAGER:
TYPE: Procedure	

Purpose:

The purposes of this Agency Letter are:

To provide information about the Act "Concerning Certain Abandoned Children" (SB 00-171) that became effective June 1, 2000.

To notify agencies regarding the procedure for reporting the number of abandoned infants to CDHS as required in the statute.

Background:

The intent of the legislation is to prevent parents from abandoning their infants in unsafe places. Similar legislation has been introduced in a number of states. Although CDHS does not have abandonment data specific to newborns, it appears the numbers are small. According to Central Registry data from January 1999 to September 10, 1999 there were 13 children 0 to 11 months who are listed with an abandonment code. There were 28 in the 1998 calendar year. There is no record of fatalities due to abandonment in 1998 or 1999.

Procedure or Information:

A copy of the Act is attached. The only new requirement for county departments is maintaining and updating on a monthly basis a report of the number of children who have been abandoned and submitting the information to CDHS. CDHS is required to submit an annual report to the legislature.

The Division of Child Welfare Services explored several options for collecting the data and it appears that for the time being, this will have to be a separate report. The Division of Child Welfare will collect the monthly reports quarterly. Directors are asked to designate a contact in each county and Barbara Valdez will e-mail a short form to each designee every quarter. If there are no abandoned infants, the county designee can simply reply to the e-mail and indicate zero. If there have been abandoned infants, please provide the information requested. A sample form is attached.

Effective Date: Statute effective June 1, 2000

Action Needed

By October 30, 2000 provide the name of the county contact person and e-mail address to Barbara Valdez, phone number 303-866-4707, FAX 303-866-5563 e-mail address Barbara.valdez@state.co.us The first report is due to the legislature on January 1, 2001.

Contact Person:

Janet Motz

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Attachment 1:

(Letter from Janet Motz), Unavailable

Attachment 2:

Name of County
<i>Number of Abandoned Infants for each month:</i>
June
July
August
<i>If the number is other than zero, please enter the following information:</i>
Name given to Abandoned Infant
Date of Birth or approximate
Date of Abandonment
<i>Place Where Abandoned:</i>
Hospital
Fire Station
Other (explain)
Date of Death (if applicable)
Age of Parent (if known)
Date of Custody to County (if applicable)
<i>If child is placed in custody of Dept., we will seek follow-up:</i>
Date of Termination of Parental Rights
Date of Placement For Adoption

Attachment 3:

<http://www.jcg.state.co.us/pubhome.nsf>