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COLORADO STATS - Abandon Infants aka Safe Haven

**CONCERNING CERTAIN ABANDONED CHILDREN- Senate Bill 00-171 & HB03-1095
BECAME LAW June 3, 2000 EFFECTIVE June 3, 2000 and March 23/2003
(AKA- Safe Haven Act)**

Pursuant to Senate Bill 00-171 (C.R.S § 19-3-304.5 (6)) Concerning Certain Abandoned Children, the State Department of Human Services is required to submit an annual report to the General Assembly compiling monthly reports by counties of the number of children abandoned under this statute.

PROVISION OF ACT

Added amendments to Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS) in following areas:

1. C.R.S § 18-6-401 (9) - Child abuse
2. C.R.S § 19-3-304.5 - Emergency possession of certain abandoned children

A child falls under the provisions of the Act if:

1. Child is 72 hours old or younger
2. Parent(s) did not express an intent to return for the child
3. Child is abandoned at:
 - a. A fire station, or
 - b. Hospital

YEAR	YR END TOTAL	COUNTY	# INFANTS	MONTH	ABANDONED @
2006		Arapahoe	1	Feb	Hospital
		Douglas	1	Aug	Hospital
		Jefferson	1	Oct	Hospital
		Larimer	1	March	Firestation
		Las Animas	1	March	Hospital
		Mesa	1	Aug	Hospital
		Mesa	1	Oct	Hospital
		Morgan	1	Aug	Hospital
		Otero	1	June	Hospital
		Yuma	1	Dec	Hospital
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2005	1	El Paso	1	Oct	Hospital
2004		Arapahoe	1	Aug	Hospital
	2	Arapahoe	1	Dec	Hospital
2003		Adams	1	Feb	Fire Station
		Weld	1	June	Hospital
	3	Mesa	1	July	Hospital
2002*		Weld	2	*	*
		Denver	1	*	*
		El Paso	1	*	*
	5	Arapahoe	1	*	*
2001	1	Denver	1	Dec	Hospital

* The 2002 report does not attribute the month nor abandoned @ to the specific county(s). It summarizes the involved months as Jan, Feb, March, Nov and Dec and the infant being abandoned at the hospital in 4 incidents and a fire station in one incident.

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