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December 15, 2010

The Honorable Terrance T. Carroll  
Speaker of the House  
Colorado State Capitol  
200 East Colfax, Room 246  
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Abandoned Infant Report Pursuant to SB00-171 enacted at C.R.S. § 19-3-304.5 (6) -304.5 (6)

Dear Representative Carroll:

Pursuant to C.R.S. § 19-3-304.5 (6) [Emergency possession of certain abandoned children.]

(6) The state department of human services shall submit an annual report to the general assembly, beginning January 1, 2001, that compiles the monthly reports, required pursuant to subsection (5) of this section, of the number of children abandoned pursuant to this section.

**PROVISION OF ACT:**

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:
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The compiled statistics for calendar year 2009 are attached. There was one (1) abandoned infant reported for Reporting Period January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 in Archuleta County in September 2009.

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Sincerely,

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RE: Reports to the General Assembly when required by legislation i.e.:

THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BEGINNING *(date)*, THAT COMPILES THE MONTHLY REPORTS, REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION, .....

**Source:**

Colorado Statutes/TITLE 24 GOVERNMENT - STATE/ADMINISTRATION/ARTICLE 1 ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION ACT OF 1968/24-1-136. "Information Coordination Act" - policy - functions of the heads of principal departments.

**24-1-136. "Information Coordination Act" - policy - functions of the heads of principal departments.**

(9) Whenever any report is required or allowed to be made to the general assembly, the filing of one copy of such report in each house of the general assembly, six copies in the joint legislative library, and four copies with the state librarian for the state publications depository and distribution center, plus copies to those legislators requesting such, shall be deemed to be sufficient compliance with the direction or authority to make such report.

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**COLORADO STATS - Abandon Infants aka Safe Haven**

Updated draft 3/2009

**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:

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ABANDONED INFANTS  
REPORTING PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2009 TO DECEMBER 31, 2009

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	CONTACT
ADAMS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Kris Cowperthwaite (09/16/10)
ALAMOSA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Geri Curtis (08/27/10)
ARAPAHOE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Diane Ward (09/08/10)
ARCHULETA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	Erlinda Gonzalez (11/18/10)
BACA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Dorothea Thurner (08/26/10)
BENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Claudia Budd (12/11/10)
BOULDER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Terrie Ryan-Thomas (11/23/10)
BROOMFIELD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Connie Linn (08/24/10)
CHAFFEE	CPS Program did not receive any responses from this county												John Niedfeldt
CHEYENNE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Kindra Mulch (for Supervisor Lanie Mayers) (11/22/10)
CLEAR CREEK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Cindy Dicken, Director (12/03/10)
CONEJOS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Nichole Martinez, Caseaide (09/09/10)
COSTILLA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Miroslava Apocdaca (12/01/10)
CROWLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Tonia Burnett (08/24/10)
CUSTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Linda Elliott, Caseworker (09/13/10)
DELTA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Chuck Lemoine (08/24/10)
DENVER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Amy Beery, Intake Administrator (09/13/10) and (11/16/10)
DOLORES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Dennis Story (08/26/10)
DOUGLAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Patrick Sweeny, (voicemail 12/03/10)
EAGLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Sherri Almond 12/01/10)
EL PASO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Mary Fluegel (09/09/10)
ELBERT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Catherine Robinson, Director (08/23/10)
FREMONT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Brenda Rall (08/24/10); Matt Graff (08/26/10) Questions/Research
GARFIELD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Catherine Craig (08/25/10)
GILPIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Betty Donovan, Director (09/09/10)
GRAND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Glen Chambers (12/02/10)
GUNNISON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Renee Brown (08/24/10)
HINSDALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Renee Brown em (08/24/10)
HUERFANO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Anita Cordova (08/24/10); Shelila Hudson, Interim Director (09/08/10)
JACKSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Glen Chambers (12/02/10)
JEFFERSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Sue McDonald, Program Manager (09/09/10)
KIOWA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Dennis Pearson (08/24/10)
KIT CARSON	CPS Program did not receive any responses from this county												Kindra.Mulch@state.co.us and Linda Liebl
LA PLATA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Matt Dodson (08/24/10)
LAKE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Jeri Lee, LCSW, Director (09/10/10)
LARIMER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Ginny Riley (12/01/10)
LAS ANIMAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Robert Bertolino (8/23/10)
LINCOLN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Patricia Phillips, Services Administrator (09/09/10)
LOGAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Betty Zimmerman, Social Services Manager II; (08/23/10)

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MESA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Greg Meier (08/24/10)
MINERAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Greg Parra (08/24/10)
MOFFAT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Marie Peer, Director (08/24/10)
MONTEZUMA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Dennis Story (08/26/10)
MONTROSE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Carol Friedrich, (12/02/10)
MORGAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Lenonna Hofer, Sr. Level Screener/Caseaide 09/09/10
OTERO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Sara Chambers, (08/24/10)
OURAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Allan Gerstle, Director (09/09/10)
PARK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Mary Baydarin, Director (09/07/10)
PHILLIPS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Tonya Watson, Caseworker Supervisor (09/09/10)
PITKIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Nan Sundeen, Director (12/03/10)
PROWERS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Linda Fairbain/Jonna Parker
PUEBLO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Annette Zimmer (08/24/10)
RIO BLANCO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Bonnie Ruckman, Director (12/01/10)
RIO GRANDE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Greg Parra (08/24/10)
ROUTT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Michael Sidinger
SAGUACHE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Susie Jordan, Child & Adult Protection Supervisor (08/24/10)
SAN JUAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Matt Dotson - Called 12/06/10
SAN MIGUEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Allan Gerstle, Director (09/09/10)
SEDGWICK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Kathy Reano & Lisa Ault, Director (08/24/10)
SUMMIT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Susan Gruber (08/24/10)
TELLER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Kim Mauthe, Director (11/17/10)
WASHINGTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Rick Agan, Director (11/18/10)
WELD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Heather Walker (08/24/10)
YUMA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Hollie Hillman, CW Supervisor (08/24/10)