



**COLORADO**

Office of Children,  
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Division of Child Welfare

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The Honorable KC Becker  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
200 East Colfax  
Denver, CO 80203

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Dear Speaker Becker:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with the annual legislative Abandoned Infant Report pursuant to C.R.S. § 19-3-304.5(6). This letter will serve as the document to complete this requirement.

Section 19-3-304.5 requires the Colorado Department of Human Services to annually compile county reports of abandoned infants. The statute defines an abandoned child as an infant less than 72 hours old, whose parent(s) did not express intent to return for the child, and who was abandoned at a fire station or hospital.

For the calendar year 2018, a total of 4 infants were abandoned in the following counties: Boulder (1), Broomfield (1), Crowley (1), and Larimer (1).

If you have any questions regarding this annual report, please contact the Department's Legislative Liaison, Emily Hanson, at [Emily.Hanson@state.co.us](mailto:Emily.Hanson@state.co.us) or 303-866-3019.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director, Colorado Department of Human Services

