



COLORADO
Department of Human Services

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

March 4, 2020

Dear Speaker Becker:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with the annual legislative Safe Haven-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 2019, a total of 4 infants were abandoned in the following counties: Boulder (1), Otero (1), and El Paso (2).

If you have any questions regarding this annual report, please contact Avilene Rodriguez, Legislative Analyst, at avilene.rodriguez@state.co.us or (303) 866-5799.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Barnes".

Michelle Barnes
Executive Director
Colorado Department of Human Services

