

March 1, 2024

The Honorable Stephen Fenberg President, Colorado State Senate

The Honorable Julie Muckluskie Speaker, Colorado House of Representatives

Senator Fenberg and Representative Mckluskie:

The Colorado Department of Human Services, in response to reporting requirements set forth in Section 19-3-304.5, C.R.S., respectfully submits the attached Safe Haven report.

"(6) Notwithstanding section 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), 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."

For the calendar year 2023, a total of 8 infants were reported as abandoned in accordance with Safe Haven in the following counties: Boulder (2), El Paso (3), Fremont (1), Jefferson (1), and Larimer (1).

If you have any questions, please contact Angelica Granados, Legislative Analyst for CDHS, at 303-877-0562.

Sincerely,

Clint Woodruff

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