



**COLORADO**  
Department of Human Services

The Honorable Representative Hamner  
Joint Budget Committee  
200 East 14<sup>th</sup> Ave, Third Floor  
Denver, CO 80203

November 30, 2015

Dear Representative Hamner:

Enclosed is a legislative report to the Joint Budget Committee from the Colorado Department of Human Services regarding the first placement of children and youth removed from their home for July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Section 19-3-214 C.R.S. (2014) requires the Department to submit an annual report by December 1.

In summary the report illustrates, of 4,588 children and youth removed from their family or legal custodians in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2015, 2,322 were placed in the custody of the county department of human or social services. Of the children removed from their family or legal custodians, 1,981 were placed in non-certified kinship care homes or kinship foster care homes.

If you require further information or have additional questions, please contact the Department's Legislative Liaison, [Lauren.Schreier@state.co.us](mailto:Lauren.Schreier@state.co.us) or 303-866-3019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Reggie Bicha".

Reggie Bicha  
Executive Director

