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*He Who Helps a Child, Helps  
Humanity With a Distinctness,  
An Immediateness, Which No  
Other Help in Any Other Stage  
Of Human Life Can Possibly  
Give. —Phillips Brooks*

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THE HONORABLE W. LEE KNOUS  
*Governor of Colorado*  
State Capitol Building  
Denver 2, Colorado

Dear Sir :

The Members of the Colorado Board of Standards of Child Care submit herewith the third biennial report covering the period from July 1, 1947 to June 30, 1949.

They believe that this brief report reflects the progress that has been made in protecting foster children.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF STANDARDS OF CHILD CARE

MRS. C. WALTER ALLEN, *Chairman*

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## SUMMARY

The Colorado Board of Standards of Child Care is composed of lay citizens who accepted the responsibility of safeguarding Colorado's foster children, knowing that their only possible reward would be a sense of public service well performed. It has been a unique working group and a fine example of willingness to serve at personal sacrifice.

In the work of protecting Colorado's foster children, they have shown a deep humanity and at the same time a keen awareness of the need to maintain civil liberties.

It is the purpose of the Board to develop and maintain higher standards for the care of children, while they are of necessity away from their own homes. This entails the supervision and annual licensing of foster boarding homes, nurseries and nursery schools, private institutions, children's camps, and child-placement agencies.

Senate Bill No. 680, which was enacted by the 37th General Assembly and became effective May 20, 1949, extends the coverage of the licensing law to include schools which give 24-hour care to dependent and neglected children.

The expenses of the office are provided through legislative appropriation. There is no charge for a license.

The Board members have worked diligently to see that Colorado's foster children are given a better chance for proper care, protection, and training.



## FAMILY FOSTER HOMES

A family foster home is one which maintains a boarding home for one to four children under the age of 16 years, who are not closely related to the foster parents. It may be day-care or full-time-care. All such homes must have a license from the Board of Standards of Child Care, or a certificate from a licensed child-placement agency. All such licenses are renewable annually by the Board of Standards of Child Care, which is responsible for having the homes visited at least once annually.

At the close of this biennium, there were 553 licensed family foster homes caring for 1181 children. This indicates that the average family foster home is caring for fewer children than in previous years. This trend is more evident in the newly licensed foster homes than in those foster homes which are applying for renewals of licenses.

In determining the fitness of a home for a license, much information is obtained in the original application. References are then contacted to help determine the moral character, emotional stability, interest, ability, and attitudes of the family with reference to children. A statement is obtained from the family physician to the effect that all members of the family are in good health, and that no person in the family has a physical or mental defect which might affect a foster child adversely.

A visit is made to the home, at which time the visitor tries to make a just estimate of the physical and the social aspects of the home. It is hoped, in every case, that the foster home will provide normal family home life for the foster child, giving him the affection and security he needs.

The Board of Standards of Child Care has inspected 302 of the 553 family foster homes now licensed or certified. The Public Welfare Departments have approved 145. The remaining 106 have been approved by Colorado Children's Aid, Catholic Charities, Jewish Family and Children's Service, and the State Home for Dependent Children.

Most foster parents are drawn into the work out of a spirit of unselfishness and altruism. They are anxious to help the children, who must of necessity be away from their own parents.

## NURSERY SCHOOLS, DAY NURSERIES, AND CHILD CARE CENTERS

The total number of day nurseries and nursery schools have increased during the biennium. In suburban areas of larger cities, where kindergartens are not provided in the public schools, there has been a special demand for pre-school training and many children of kindergarten age are attending nursery schools.

We note a tendency in child care centers to include a planned program. This seems to show a trend toward the nursery school pattern rather than mere custodial care for children. Thus we find that several new nursery schools have been started, a number of which care for fewer than 12 children, and many of which are giving excellent training to pre-school children.

Improvements made during the biennium in nursery schools and day nurseries include new fire escapes, new play equipment, new educational materials, and additional personnel.

Several large day nurseries meet a special need in the community by providing day care for children of working mothers or motherless children while the parent works. Charges are made on a graduated scale, based on the ability of the family to pay and deficiencies in several instances are made up by subsidies.



## CHILDREN'S CAMPS

Colorado is famous for its number and variety of summer camps for boys and girls. Some camps are small and stress personal supervision and offer a home-like hospitality. Others employ large staffs of instructors and counsellors and have extensive facilities for the training of youth.

All the camps offer wonderful opportunities for a perfect vacation in beautiful mountain surroundings. At the same time the youngsters learn self-reliance, develop initiative, resourcefulness, a love of nature, and a spirit of comradeship and co-operation so valuable in modern living.

Statistical reports show an increase in the number of camps in 1949, as well as an increase in the number of children attending camps in Colorado. Several new camps caring for a small number of children have been started.

The Minimum Standards for Children's Camps were revised in 1949. Revisions included improved and more specific regulations regarding safety and sanitation in camps.

In 1947, there were 63 children's camp licenses issued; in 1948, the number was 66; and in 1949 approximately 75.



## INSTITUTIONAL FOSTER HOMES

Each child-care institution licensed to operate in Colorado functions under a board of control. These boards are largely responsible for the maintenance of high standards of child care. They are composed of persons who show an active interest in the work of the organization, and who give devoted service. A personal tribute should be paid to many of them for their unselfish and devoted interest.

All the children's institutions care for children in fairly small groups, which are made up after considering each child's age, capabilities, and limitations.

A number of improvements in the physical facilities of various institutions have been made during the biennium. Several more are in the blue-print stage. Outstanding among these improvements is the new dormitory at the National Home for Jewish Children in Denver. It is a beautiful one-story building, equipped with radiant heat, and in addition, the whole building is air conditioned and air-filtered for the benefit of youngsters who have allergies, or are suffering from asthma. Colorado Christian Home at Denver has a delightful new nursery building where the children from two to five years of age are receiving excellent care. Interesting improvements in the nature of a long range plan are in the blue-print stage for Mt. St. Vincent's Home at Denver and Sacred Heart Home at Pueblo.

The nineteen foster homes giving twenty-four hour care to large numbers of children, and licensed as institutional foster homes, are as follows:

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Byers for School Boys<br>64 West Alameda, Denver<br>A. G. Hawbold, Superintendent                            | 44 Boys<br>8-18 years                |
| 2. Christian Home for Children<br>6 West Cheyenne Road, Colo. Springs<br>Mr. John Walden, Superintendent        | 50 Boys and Girls<br>1-16 years      |
| 3. Colorado Christian Home<br>4325 West 29th Ave., Denver<br>Mr. James H. Tilsley, Superintendent               | 88 Boys and Girls<br>2-16 years      |
| 4. Colorado Springs Day Nursery<br>104 East Rio Grande, Colorado Springs<br>Miss Mary Dunwiddie, Superintendent | 80 Boys and Girls<br>3-10 years      |
| 5. Denver Orphans Home<br>1501 Albion, Denver<br>Mrs. Amy B. Carver, Superintendent                             | 125 Boys and Girls<br>6 mo.-12 years |
| 6. Holland Hall for Girls<br>6925 East Eighth Ave., Denver<br>Mrs. Blanche Peterson, Superintendent             | 35 Girls<br>6-16 years               |

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| 7.  | House of the Good Shepherd<br>1401 So. Colorado Blvd., Denver<br>Sister Mary of the Assumption, Superior        | 180 Girls<br>13-16 years             |
| 8.  | Infant of Prague<br>3220 West 27th Avenue, Denver<br>Mrs. Margaret Fletcher, Superintendent                     | 44 Boys and Girls<br>Infants-2 years |
| 9.  | Lincoln Home<br>2713 North Grand, Pueblo<br>Mrs. S. A. Trigg, Superintendent                                    | 12 Boys and Girls<br>2-16 years      |
| 10. | McClelland Home<br>415 East Abriendo, Pueblo<br>Mrs. Jessie Clutter, Superintendent                             | 60 Boys and Girls<br>2½-15 years     |
| 11. | Mt. St. Vincent's Home<br>West 42nd at Lowell, Denver<br>Sister Frances, Superior                               | 125 Boys<br>2-14 years               |
| 12. | Myron Stratton Home<br>Box 2000, Colorado Springs<br>Mrs. Lucy A. Lloyd, Superintendent                         | 85 Boys and Girls<br>5-16 years      |
| 13. | National Home for Jewish Children<br>3447 West 19th Ave., Denver<br>Dr. Irving Birnbaum, Superintendent         | 136 Boys and Girls<br>4-16 years     |
| 14. | Number Nine Pearl<br>9 Pearl Street, Denver<br>Mr. Ralph R. Morrison, Superintendent                            | 26 Boys<br>14-18 years               |
| 15. | Queen of Heaven Home<br>4825 Federal Blvd., Denver<br>Mother M. Angela, Superior                                | 200 Girls<br>1-16 years              |
| 16. | Sacred Heart Home<br>2415 Sprague Avenue, Pueblo<br>Sister M. Michael, Superior                                 | 120 Boys and Girls<br>2-16 years     |
| 17. | St. Clara's Home<br>3800 West 29th Avenue, Denver<br>Sister M. Antonella, Superior                              | 240 Boys and Girls<br>2-16 years     |
| 18. | Laradon Hall for Exceptional Children<br>3129 Federal Blvd., Denver<br>Mr. Joseph V. Calabrese, Superintendent  | 25 Boys<br>4-14 years                |
| 19. | Denver University Speech Clinic<br>Dormitory<br>2064 South York Street, Denver<br>Mr. J. William Burke, Manager | 20 Boys and Girls<br>5-16 years      |



## CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCIES

Child Placement Agencies are licensed by the Board of Standards of Child Care to do the technical and important work of arranging for the placement of children in various types of foster homes, when circumstances make it necessary for children to be away from their own families. The agencies are required to keep adequate social and health records of each child, and a record of the child's family. It is considered basic that the agencies shall make every effort to see that family ties are maintained by the child and his family during the period of foster home care. All such agencies are required by law to make an annual report to the Board of Standards of Child Care.

At the end of this biennium there are eight licensed child-placement agencies operating in the State.

The family foster homes, which are inspected by these child-placement agencies, are not inspected by the Board of Standards of Child Care, but are issued certificates by these agencies, thus avoiding any duplication of inspections. All certificates issued by the child-placement agencies are reported to the Board of Standards of Child Care. The records of the child-placement agencies and the foster homes used by the agencies are spot-checked by the Board of Standards of Child Care.

The new adoption law, passed by the 37th General Assembly, places responsibility for sharing the work of adoption placements on the licensed child-placement agencies. This is a grave responsibility because it determines the channel of life for the children being adopted. Only five, of the eight licensed child-placement agencies have entered into adoption placements. There are many unsettled matters of procedure and interpretation in regard to this new adoption law.

# STATISTICAL REPORT

of

Homes and Agencies Licensed  
July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949

	New	Renewals	Total	Total No. Children
Family Foster Homes				
Inspected by Board of Standards of Child Care.....	181	121	302	705
Family Foster Homes				
Recommended by State Welfare Department.....	69	76	145	261
Family Foster Homes				
Recommended by State Home for Dependent Children.....	2	5	7	10
Family Foster Homes				
Certified by Catholic Charities.....	25	15	47	104
Family Foster Homes				
Certified by Colorado Children's Aid.....	11	37	48	96
Family Foster Homes				
Certified by Jewish Family & Children's Service.....	4	0	4	5
Family Foster Homes.....	292	254	553	1181
Institutional Foster Homes.....	1	18	19	1420
Day Nurseries and Nursery Schools.....	9	20	29	793
Infant Nurseries.....	0	2	2	25
Receiving Homes.....	0	2	2	12
Placement Agencies.....	2	6	8	*
Children's Camps.....	9	63	72	4466
Sub-Total .....	21	111	132	6716
GRAND TOTAL.....	313	365	687	7897

\*Totals not available



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July 1, 1947 to June 30, 1948

	New	Renewals	Total	Total No. Children
Family Foster Homes				
Inspected by Board of Standards of Child Care.....	196	75	271	632
Family Foster Homes				
Recommended by State Welfare Department.....	72	35	107	250
Family Foster Homes				
Recommended by State Home for Dependent Children.....	5	0	5	8
Family Foster Homes				
Certified by Catholic Charities.....	22	15	37	82
Family Foster Homes				
Certified by Colorado Children's Aid.....	26	14	40	80
Family Foster Homes				
Certified by Jewish Family & Children's Service.....	1	0	1	1
Family Foster Homes.....	332	139	461	1053
Institutional Foster Homes.....	2	16	18	1396
Day Nurseries and Nursery Schools.....	3	15	18	575
Infant Nurseries.....	2	4	6	94
Receiving Homes.....	2	0	2	12
Placement Agencies.....	0	6	6	*
Children's Camps.....	3	63	66	4115
Sub-Total .....	12	104	116	6192
GRAND TOTAL.....	344	243	577	7245

\*Totals not available

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## FINANCIAL SUMMARY SHEET

July 1, 1947 to June 30, 1948

	Appropriations	Expenditures
Personal Services.....	\$ 7,740.00	\$ 7,415.00
Maintenance and Operation.....	2,100.00	2,090.58
Capital Outlay.....	500.00	415.99
Retirement .....	270.90	113.45
Total .....	\$10,610.90	\$10,035.02

July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949

Personal Services.....	\$ 7,777.42	\$ 7,777.42
Maintenance and Operation.....	2,100.00	1,558.95
Capital Outlay.....	84.01	4.00
Retirement .....	270.90	119.92
Total .....	\$10,232.33	\$ 9,460.29



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