



The following is a statement in response to the Nov. 16 letter from the *Denver Post* addressed to commissioners and county human services directors:

Colorado's counties are committed to proven and responsible reforms to our state's child welfare system that improve outcomes for vulnerable children and their families.

Counties and the State have worked to implement positive initiatives, reforms and nationally-recognized best practices to keep children safe and families healthy. Counties fully support Governor Hickenlooper's three-year strategic plan to improve child welfare practice, training, performance and transparency.

Questions about improving our statewide system are best answered in context, with the perspective of the multitude of partners who participate in serving Colorado's families.

Colorado's 64 counties will continue to work in partnership with the Governor, the General Assembly, the Colorado Department of Human Services, national foundations and local community providers to cultivate data-driven changes in rule, legislation or practice, with a goal to continuously improve outcomes for children and families.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas Davidson".

Thomas Davidson
CCI President
Summit County

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank Alexander".

Frank Alexander
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Boulder County Housing and Human Services
Director