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**COMMISSIONER KIRKMEYER NAMED TO CHILD WELFARE  
EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

WELD COUNTY, CO – On July 11, 2012, the Colorado Department of Human Services extended to Weld County Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer an invitation to join the newly created Child Welfare Executive Leadership Council. According to the invitation, “The Council will bring together key executive leaders in child abuse prevention and protective services from across the state to provide advice and counsel to the Department on matters related to protecting vulnerable children and advancing our child protective services system.”

“I’m honored to have been invited to join this council, and I look forward to working with others on matters that will improve the lives of children in our state,” said Kirkmeyer.

Kirkmeyer was instrumental in determining the make-up of the Child Welfare Allocation Committee in 1997 by helping define the Committee’s responsibilities and establishing the criteria used to determine child welfare allocation. In January 2011, Kirkmeyer was appointed to the Child Welfare Allocation Committee (CWAC) by Colorado Counties Inc.

In April 2012, the CWAC voted unanimously to modify the allocation formula and as a result, Weld County is slated to receive an increased allocation of approximately \$3 million to provide child protection services to the residents of Weld County.

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