

# NO PLACE TO TURN?

THERE IS A SAFE, LEGAL OPTION FOR YOU AND YOUR BABY

If you are considering abandoning your baby and feel you have no other option, Louisiana's Safe Haven Law offers a safe place for your child. You can bring your newborn (up to 60 days old, or if your baby is in a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) and has not been discharged yet, the 60 days start from the discharge date) to a designated emergency facility or Safe Haven site. These sites are staffed 24/7, every day of the year. If you cannot transport your baby to a site, you may also call 911. By leaving your baby in the care of an employee at a Safe Haven site or designated emergency facility, you can safely relinquish your baby for the purpose of adoption with no questions asked.

If a parent is unable to travel to a Safe Haven facility, he or she may call 911, and a law enforcement officer, fire fighter and/or EMS provider will be dispatched, confirm the Safe Haven relinquishment and transport the newborn to a hospital.

## Designated Safe Haven Locations:

- Any hospital licensed in the state of Louisiana;
- The following medical clinics during normal and customary hours of operation: local or parish public health units, licensed rural health clinics, licensed ambulatory surgical centers, and Federally Qualified Health Centers;
  - Any manned fire station;
  - Any manned law enforcement station;
- Any Child Advocacy Center accredited by the National Children's Alliance, during normal and customary hours of operation; and
  - Any authorized newborn safety device.

For more information and support regarding the Safe Haven option call 1-888-510-BABY (1-888-510-2229) or text SafeHaven to 313131.

*DCFS Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline can also be reached, if necessary, at 1-855-4LA-KIDS (1-855-452-5437)*

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## SAFE BABY SITE

