

# NO PLACE TO TURN?

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

Louisiana's Safe Haven Law offers a safe, legal, last resort to abandonment. Parents who are unable to care for their newborn and find the baby's well-being is threatened, can bring the newborn up to 60 days old to an emergency designated facility, or Safe Haven site. By leaving the baby in the care of an employee at a Safe Haven facility, parents can relinquish their newborn for 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; and
- Any Child Advocacy Center accredited by the National Children's Alliance, during normal and customary hours of operation.

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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