



Thank you for your interest in Safe Haven Baby Boxes and our programs. Each program with a brief description is listed below. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any further questions or need additional information.

### **Safe Haven Baby Boxes Program**

The most effective method for raising awareness of the Safe Haven Law is having an active Safe Haven Baby Box in a community. It provides a focal point to address the lack of education and knowledge about the Safe Haven Law, and creates a natural entry for first responders and the community to play a role in proactively saving the lives of children through education and outreach. This benefit is not limited and extends well beyond the local community. Surrounding communities benefit due to the nature of outreach in the media and education efforts. This is intentional and one Baby Box has the potential to help Mothers-In-Crisis in surrounding communities.

### **Safe Haven Baby Boxes National Crisis Hotline**

Safe Haven Baby Boxes offers a National Crisis Hotline, (866)99-BABY-1 and is available 24/7/365. This service provides for a person to speak to a crisis counselor with the goal of providing access to resources that allow the parent to stabilize their situation and make the best decision for themselves and their infant.

### **Billboards and Other Advertisement Campaigns**

One of the most effective methods for raising awareness of the Safe Haven Law and of Safe Haven Baby Boxes' services is through our billboard and other advertising campaigns. Data collected from surrenders in areas show that more calls are made to the National Crisis Hotline and safe surrenders take place.

Other advertising methods of successfully raising awareness include the use of social media, local news sources, and events held within communities that have or are considering a Baby Box.

### **Training Programs for Emergency Medical Personnel**

Safe Haven Baby Boxes offers training to all emergency medical personnel, even if there is not a Safe Haven Baby Box located in a community or nearby. It is essential that first responders understand the Safe Haven Law and how to handle a safe surrender.

## **Education in Schools**

Every individual needs to know about his or her rights under the state Safe Haven Law. Educating at the high school and college level ensures that not only does the Safe Haven Law save the lives of infants, but also prevents the parent from prosecution. Safe Haven Baby Boxes provides training and resources to teachers and volunteers who wish to incorporate information into the curriculum. Safe Haven Baby Boxes Representatives are also available for in person education sessions as well.

## **Counseling Support**

Safe Haven Baby Boxes provides counseling support to parents who may be considering options to surrender, to parent, or to arrange an adoption of their infant. Our counseling staff ensure that every parent understands the resources available and their rights under the Safe Haven Law.

## **Legal Support for Parents**

Legal support from Safe Haven Baby Boxes is available to any parent who has legally exercised his/her rights under the state Safe Haven Law, but yet experiencing possible prosecution. In many cases, state agencies are pursuing criminal charges as a result of lack of knowledge of the Safe Haven Laws. The Safe Haven Baby Boxes organization wants to ensure that the law is understood by all and is ready to assist a parent who may face this challenge.

## **Financial Support for Parents in Need**

The SHBB organization wants parents to make the best decisions for the safety of their children. We understand that there may be specific needs when making the decision to parent. Our organization has helped parents in need with specific items, requested donations from our supporters, and reached out to local resources to ensure they receive the support needed.

## **Adoption Assistance**

Women who are considering adoption for their baby need counseling and support to make this difficult decision prior to giving birth. To date, SHBB has assisted with 7 adoptions, with most being open adoptions. Our organization connects the birth parent with an agency that allows her to choose whether or not she wishes to have an open adoption and having the ability to choose a forever family for her child.