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Hospital Training

Anonymous and Safe Relinquishment of a Newborn Baby





The Ideal World

- All pregnancies would be planned and wanted
- Newborns welcomed into the home
- Raised in a safe and loving household





Why a pregnancy may Not be welcomed

Admission of pregnancy

- Sexual assault
- Fear of confronting disapproving family
- Fear of disownment
- Fear of death



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Consequences of Hiding a Pregnancy

- No prenatal care
- No mental health counseling or services
- No counseling for a traditional adoption



Consequences of Hiding a Pregnancy

- Deliver on her own with no medical care
- Abandonment of a newborn in an unsafe place

Houston– Hours-old baby found covered in ants 8/12/2017

California– Woman charged with trying to kill baby in toilet 9/4/2017



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The Utah Newborn Safe Haven, or 'baby drop-off' law, allows a birth mother or their designee may legally and anonymously give up custody of their newborn at any hospital in Utah without having to identify themselves or answer any questions.





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The Law ...

- Protects infants from injury and death
- Provides a safe place for newborns
- Allows secrecy and anonymity for any person dropping off the newborn

(Utah Code Ann. Sec. § 62A-4a-802)



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Utah Law

- Newborns 30 days old and younger
(Accept any child any person tries to give you!)
- Newborn taken or dropped off at a hospital
- To emergency room for a health evaluation



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Do not hesitate
to accept a newborn
from anyone!





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Medical History of the Newborn

A person dropping off the newborn may wish to provide medical information on the health of the infant or medical history of the parents.

Names should not be given.



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Hospital Responsibilities

- Health evaluation on newborn
- Notify Hospital Birth Certificate Clerk
- Contact Utah Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) at (801) 538-4100



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STATE OF UTAH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH
FOUNDLING

| | LOCAL FILE NUMBER | STATE FILE NUMBER | | |
|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| THIS CHILD | 1. CHILD'S NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST | | | |
| | 2. SEX | 3. DATE OF BIRTH (Approximate) (Month) (Day) (Year) | 4. TIME OF BIRTH (Approximate) | |
| PLACE FOUND / ASSUMPTION OF CUSTODY | 5a. PLACE FOUND (Give Street Address) | 5b. CITY OR TOWN | 5c. COUNTY | 6. DATE OF FINDING OR ASSUMPTION OF CUSTODY (Month) (Day) (Year) |
| PERSON OR INSTITUTION WITH WHOM CHILD HAS BEEN PLACED | 7. FULL NAME OF PERSON OR INSTITUTION | | 8. ADDRESS | |
| INFORMANT'S CERTIFICATION | I certify that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief | | 9. SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT | 10. DATE SIGNED |
| REGISTRAR'S CERTIFICATION | 11. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE | | | 12. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE REGISTRAR |
| | 13. BRIEF STATEMENT OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE FINDING OF THE CHILD. (Use reverse side of certificate if more space is needed) | | | |



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DCFS will find a foster family to take care of the newborn

A search will then be done to find an adoptive family





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What communities are at risk?

ALL



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- Teens
- Older mothers with other children
- Women in abusive relationships
- Religious beliefs and traditions



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Who can drop-off a newborn?

Any designee of the birth parent



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What Newborn Safe Haven Program Can Offer

- Materials – Posters (English/Spanish)
- Support
- Questions?



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Questions

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