

Mission

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Safe Haven Baby Box - Hailey Dahle

Safe Haven Baby Boxes' (SHBB) mission is to prevent the illegal abandonment of newborns through education, raising awareness of the safe haven law, and offering the only anonymous option the Baby Box. SHBB also staffs the National

Safe Haven crisis hotline (1-866-99BABY1) for parents in crisis offering options and resources including the last resort option the Baby Box. SHBB's goal is to not only protect the newborn but to walk alongside the birth parents letting them know they are not alone.

The Hotline and counselors are supervised by a Clinical Staff
Psychologist with over 25 years of crisis pregnancy hotline experience.

We will not ask for a name. We do ask for location so we can provide information on the laws that apply and resources that may be available.

Our goal is to provide the mothers-in-crisis with the resources that allow themselves to stabilize their situation and have time to make a decision that is in the best interest of themselves and their child.

8,000 calls from every state in the United States.

Referred over **500** women to crisis pregnancy centers.

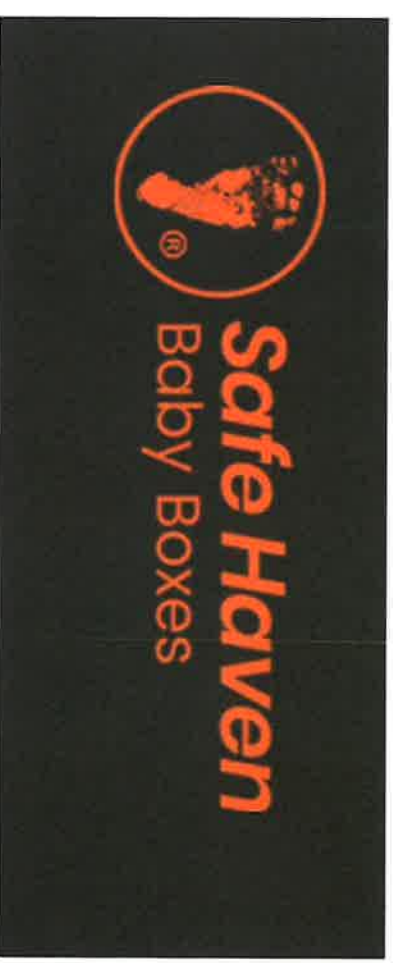
Assisted in **10** adoption referrals,

Have had over **130** legal Safe Haven surrenders.

36 babies have been surrendered in boxes since 2017.

Since the installation of the first baby box in Indiana there have been **0** dead abandoned infants.

Baby Amelia who is honored in the photo above is the last infant who has died due to abandonment in Indiana. Her footprint is featured in our logo. Since April 2016, when the first box was installed, there have been no dead abandoned infants in the state of Indiana. Proof that our work is succeeding in protecting infants and their mothers in crisis. We currently have Safe Haven Baby Boxes in 14 states across the nation available for a safe, legal, anonymous surrender of a newborn.



Arkansas

Florida

Indiana

Kentucky

Ohio

New Mexico

Pennsylvania

Oklahoma

Tennessee

North Carolina

Missouri

West Virginia

Alabama

Iowa

Mississippi

CAN I PLACE A BABY BOX IN MY COMMUNITY?

Yes, however, some states have made it easier than others.

States with

existing
legislation

permitting

placement of
Baby Boxes



It provides the community the opportunity to proactively save the lives of children since many are not aware of the Safe Haven Law.

Lack of knowledge about the law and prohibiting anonymity has historically produced catastrophic and devastating results of babies being abandoned.

The Baby Box is tangible, and the Safe Haven law is not. By having a Baby Box in the community you are providing an opportunity to further educate about the law.

Many women in crisis want and need anonymity when surrendering an infant, either because of fear of being recognized, the stigma associated with the surrender, or fear of prosecution due to the lack of knowledge and misunderstanding of the Safe Haven law.

We hope and pray for a face-to-face surrender as it benefits both the mother and infant. The Safe Haven Baby Box hotline provides counseling to women in crisis and only suggests the Baby Box when it is the last option.

WHY DO COMMUNITIES NEED A BABY BOX?

