



## **Safely Surrendered Baby Program**

### **No Shame. No Blame. No Names.**

#### **How does it work?**

If you are a parent or a person with lawful custody who is unable or unwilling to care for an infant, you can legally and confidentially surrender your baby within three days of birth. The baby may be handed to an employee at an emergency room or a City of San Bernardino fire station. A bracelet will be placed on the baby for identification and a matching bracelet will be given to the parent. The bracelet will help identify the child if the parent changes their mind.

#### **What if the parent wants the baby back?**

If during the cooling off period of 14 days the parents decide they want to reclaim their baby, they can take the identifying bracelet back to where they surrendered their baby and staff will provide them with information about their baby.

#### **Does a parent have to give any information to the people taking the baby?**

No. Nothing is required. The parent will be given a medical information questionnaire designed to gather family medical history, which will be useful in caring for the baby. Although encouraged, filling out the questionnaire is not required.

#### **What happens to the baby?**

Safely surrendered babies are given a medical exam, and care if needed, and placed in a foster home or a pre-adoptive home.

#### **What happens to the parent?**

Parents who safely surrender their baby may do so without fear of arrest or prosecution for child abandonment. Their identity will remain confidential and they will have the comfort of knowing their baby will remain in safe hands.

**Every child deserves a chance at life! If you or someone you know wants to surrender a baby, please take the child to an emergency room or to a City of San Bernardino Fire Station. Remember: No shame, no blame, and no names... it's the law. For more information on the Safely Surrendered Baby Program, please call Manny Sedano at 909-384-5388.**

