



Michigan's Safe Delivery of Newborns Law

Safe Delivery Communications Toolkit

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INTRODUCTION

Community Outreach and Advocacy

This toolkit is designed to help educate community advocates so they can better promote and raise awareness of the Safe Delivery of Newborns law among Michigan's residents.

Michigan's Safe Delivery of Newborns law provides a parent(s) with a safe, legal, and confidential way to surrender a newborn no more than 72 hours old to an emergency service provider (ESP). The biological parent(s) must be the person(s) surrendering to an ESP. The surrendering parent(s) can choose to share identifying information or not provide any information.

Many free resources have been developed to ensure that ESPs, adoption agencies, and educators have the professional tools needed to ensure they are prepared for a surrendered newborn or to assist in educating potential parents about the Safe Delivery law. Examples of these free resources are included in this Community Outreach and Advocacy Toolkit.

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Safe Delivery advocate in your community.

Community Outreach and Advocacy Toolkit

This Toolkit Is for You if You...

- Are interested in educating people/community agencies about the option of Safe Delivery.
- Have contact with individuals of childbearing age.
- Have opportunities to promote Safe Delivery in the community.

Why Should You Care About Michigan's Safe Delivery of Newborns Law?

- Since Michigan's Safe Delivery of Newborns law took effect on January 1, 2001, more than 240 babies have been surrendered safely.
- Making people aware of their options empowers them to make the best decision possible for them and their babies.

Toolkit Goals:

- Increase public and professional knowledge about Michigan's Safe Delivery of Newborns law.
- Reduce abandonment of infants.

Safe Delivery Communications Toolkit: Promoting Public and Professional Awareness



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