

# Help Is Available!



Having a new baby can be scary, especially if you are a teenager and never planned to be a mother this soon. Now there is a place for new parents who question whether they want to keep their child...A Safe Place, a program that protects your child and your confidentiality.

When you are alone and scared, it is easy to think no one cares or understands.

But, we do. Summit County area hospitals, peace officers, emergency medical services workers and Children Services have joined together to provide help for your baby.

You can take your baby to the emergency room of any of the hospitals listed on the back of this brochure or to any area police department or fire station. Hospital staff, police officers or emergency medical services workers will help you provide for your baby without requiring you to reveal information about your personal life or even your name.

If you are afraid or uncertain and have no plan for your newborn child, feel secure knowing your baby will receive good care. Our main concern is to help you make a safe future for your child.

## Participating Hospitals:

### **AKRON GENERAL**

400 Wabash Avenue  
Akron, OH 44307  
(330) 384-6611  
Directions to Hospital:  
(330) 996-2900

### **BARBERTON** CITIZENS HOSPITAL

155 Fifth Street, N.E.  
Barberton, OH 44203  
(330) 745-1611  
Directions to Hospital:  
(330) 848-7701



### **Cuyahoga Falls General Hospital**

1900 23rd Street  
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223  
(330) 971-7000



### *Children's* Hospital Medical Center of Akron

One Perkins Square  
Akron, OH 44308-1062  
(330) 543-3000



**Akron City Hospital**  
525 East Market Street  
Akron, OH 44309  
(330) 375-3000

**St. Thomas Hospital**  
444 North Main Street  
Akron, OH 44310  
(330) 375-3000

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# A Safe Place *For Newborns*

*Nobody knew you  
were pregnant!  
No one knows  
you had the Baby!  
Now you have to  
decide – What do you  
do with your baby?*







# What To Do

- If possible, call the Safe Place Crisis Line at (330) 379-1880, before the baby is born to learn what help is available to you.
- After you deliver, you may take your baby to any Summit County hospital emergency room, fire station or police station. You may also leave the child with police officers in an official police vehicle or emergency medical services ambulance/vehicle. Tell them you want to leave your baby with the Safe Place Program. No one will be turned away.
- Hospital staff, emergency medical services workers or police officers will need to ask you a few *brief* medical questions so they can properly care for your child. No other questions will be asked – *not even* your name. They will also give you and your baby matching identification bracelets.
- You will be given confidential medical forms regarding your family medical history which you may choose to complete at home. You will be asked to mail the forms to Summit County Children Services, Legal Services, 264 S. Arlington Street, Akron, OH 44306 as soon as possible.
- The police will not be called.
- The Summit County Prosecutor's Office pledges that no criminal charges will be filed against you.
- You will have 30 days to decide if you want to reclaim your baby if your situation improves. You must present the bracelet to the hospital, fire department or police station where you left your baby or to Summit County Children Services to verify that you are the parent.

*If you find yourself in a difficult situation, remember the Safe Place Program. It's the responsible and loving thing to do.*