Dear Birth Parent(s):

Thank you for bringing your newborn to a safe place. A parent who [transfers custody](http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=13.34.360) of a newborn to a qualified person at a hospital or fire station is taking the first step in ensuring a [newborn’s safety](http://www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/child-safety-and-protection/safety-newborn-children-law). Transferring under these circumstances is not a crime.

Once the newborn is safely released from the hospital, he or she will be placed in a foster home. To learn more about child protective services or the adoption process, please contact [Children’s Administration](https://www.dshs.wa.gov/ca) at 1-800-562-5624.

Please help us by providing some health (link to health info) information. This information is important for your newborn’s current and future care and will only be used for this purpose. It will not be used to identify you or find you. You may only answer those questions you feel comfortable answering. We’ve also included a [Family Ancestry Chart - DSHS 04-220](https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sites/default/files/FSA/forms/pdf/04-220.pdf) to complete in case your newborn has Native American ancestry.

You may mail this information to the address below or email to [CA Policy](mailto:CAPolicy@dshs.wa.gov). If you want to send additional information in the future, every effort will be made to get the information into the child’s record. Information should be sent to:

**Adoptions Program Manager**

**Children’s Administration**

**Department of Social and Health Services**

**PO Box 45710**

**Olympia, WA 98504-5710**

Thank you for coming to a safe place with your baby

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