

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-68-02

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL CHILD WELFARE SERVICES  
PROGRAM MANAGERS  
CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS

**REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL**

- ☐ State Law Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☒ Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW – PUBLIC AWARENESS  
(SB 1368) (Brulte), Chapter 824, Statutes of 2002

REFERENCE: Senate Bill 1368 (Chapter 824, Statutes of 2000) All-County Letter  
No. 02-01

The purpose of this All-County Information Notice (ACIN) is to provide information about the launching of a Safely Surrendered Baby Law public awareness campaign and the availability of materials to increase awareness and to help promote this important law.

On January 1, 2001, California became one of many states to enact a new law that is intended to provide for the health and safety of newborn children. The Safely Surrendered Baby Law (Senate Bill 1368, Chapter 824, Statutes' of 2000) was formerly called the Safe Arms for Newborns Law. Details about the provisions and implementation of this new law were provided in All-County Letter No. 02-01.

**Public Awareness Materials**

The California Department of Social Services is in the process of launching a public awareness campaign to promote the Safely Surrendered Baby Law. Public education materials include PUB 401 posters, PUB 400 brochures and PUB 402 wallet-sized cards and are available for immediate use. These materials provide information about the Safely Surrendered Baby Law and are available in both English and Spanish. Counties are encouraged to post the posters and distribute the brochures and cards in locations where they can be seen easily by the public.

Space is available on the front of the brochure for counties to include county specific information, e.g. toll-free telephone numbers, additional drop-off sites that have been designated by county boards of supervisors, etc.

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Internet Website

In an effort to publicize the Safely Surrendered Baby Law in the most expedient and cost effective manner possible, an Internet website has been established to enable counties and all other interested parties to obtain camera-ready copies of the public education materials by simply downloading and printing as needed. The website can be accessed at [http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/cdssweb/On-lineFor\\_271.htm](http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/cdssweb/On-lineFor_271.htm). If you have difficulty accessing the website or you want camera-ready "hard copies" of the public education materials, counties may contact the CDSS' Forms Management Unit at (916) 657-1907, or CALNET at 437-1907.

Ordering Options

In addition to downloading the public education materials from the website, counties may also order the materials using the following procedures:

- For quantities of 100 or less, contact the Office of Child Abuse Prevention at (916) 445-2771.
- For quantities of 100 or more order forms on the County Forms Order (GEN 727B). Send order to: CDSS Warehouse  
P.O. Box 980788  
West Sacramento, CA 95798-0788

If you have questions regarding the public awareness and outreach materials for the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, please contact the Office of Child Abuse Prevention at (916) 445-2771. Other questions regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law should be directed to the Child Welfare Policy and Program Bureau at (916) 445-2890.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by Syliva Pizini*

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Deputy Director  
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Enclosures