



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE SEEKS COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR NEW REGIONAL BLUEPRINT FOR ARTS EDUCATION

Project Department: Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture

Maximum Project Fee: \$75,000

RFP Date Issued: November 17, 2020

RFP Due Date: December 7, 2020

Project Dates: February 8, 2021 – June 30, 2021, with an option to extend for 6-18 months, dependent upon funding.

1.0 PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture (Arts and Culture) is issuing this Request for Proposals (RFP) to businesses, organizations, and individuals that are interested in and qualified to strategize and implement a comprehensive communications plan in support of [Los Angeles County's New Regional Blueprint for Arts Education](#), which will guide the work of the Los Angeles County Arts Education Collective (Arts Ed Collective) over the next decade.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The [Los Angeles County Arts Education Collective](#) (formerly known as Arts for All) was launched in 2002 by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as a regional effort to restore the arts in public education. Coordinated by Arts and Culture, the Arts Ed Collective is recognized as a national model of collective impact in arts education. It is comprised of a broad coalition of partners that includes the County Office of Education, more than 70 school districts, five charter school networks, and hundreds of community-based arts organizations, teaching artists, educators, philanthropists, and advocates who have invested energy, expertise, and resources in this formidable movement for arts education across Los Angeles County.
- 2.2 Building on nearly two decades of work, and drawing input from hundreds of stakeholders during the spring and summer of 2019, Arts for All Children, Youth, and Families: Los Angeles County's New Regional Blueprint for Arts Education (Arts Ed Blueprint) aims to bring arts education to young people throughout the County. It calls for arts learning to happen in and outside of school, throughout communities, and in juvenile justice, foster youth, and workforce development systems.

The Arts Ed Blueprint is intended as both an aspirational policy statement and a roadmap for participants and leaders to advance youth development over the next decade. It presents an expanded approach with strategies that reach beyond school to include:

- arts instruction for all students, across all grade levels, in all public schools;
- expanded opportunities for arts education after school;
- year-round community-based arts learning;
- access to careers in the creative economy;
- arts-based programs and services, provided in collaboration with multiple County departments, that support children, youth, and families; and
- a prioritization of historically underserved populations.

- 2.3 Adoption of this updated Arts Ed Blueprint by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on October 13, 2020 renews a longstanding commitment to arts education and youth development, and recognizes the role of the arts, culture, and creativity in promoting academic, mental, physical, and social well-being for all young people, residents, and communities across LA County.
- 2.4 The new Arts Ed Blueprint aligns with the Board of Supervisors' bold commitment to advancing racial and cultural equity across the region, in particular with the following groundbreaking policies and initiatives: [Cultural Equity and Inclusion Initiative](#), [Countywide Cultural Policy](#), and [Anti-Racist Policy Agenda](#).
- 2.5 As the Arts Ed Collective embarks upon a broader, yet focused, path to address multiple aspects of child, youth, and community development, we acknowledge the arts alone cannot resolve the many challenges we face throughout our County. Yet we are confident that the outcomes from this work will dramatically uplift the lives of children and youth, improve schools, enhance communities, and fuel the creative economy.

3.0 DELIVERABLES

- 3.1 With Arts and Culture staff, develop a comprehensive strategic Communications Plan and detailed Media Relations Strategy that will do the following:
- Establish nuanced messaging for both the Arts Ed Collective and the Arts Ed Blueprint that is relevant for key stakeholder groups, the media, funders, and the public;
 - Recommend communications pieces and outreach strategies to best reach those audiences (these could include, but are not limited to, email newsletter content, social media, website content, events, event outreach, and op eds);
 - Identify key local, regional, and national media to target;
 - Coordinate and align efforts with Arts Ed Collective stakeholders and partners' communications efforts; and
 - Identify pivotal communications opportunities that will build and sustain momentum around this work.
- 3.2 Make recommendations:
- For cultivating influential persons within or across child and youth development, education, arts education, justice reform, health and well-being, and creative workforce development, in coordination with media outreach, as an essential step in raising awareness and building excitement about the Arts Ed Blueprint;
 - For developing stories, assets and toolkits that generate excitement, expand networks, and reach new audiences.
- 3.3 Implement the Communications Plan and Media Relations Strategy by doing the following:
- Write and/or edit materials, including the creation of a comprehensive press kit;
 - Coordinate communications efforts, creation of assets (e.g., copy, photography, video, etc.), and invitation of media and key influencers for special events and activities, such as virtual briefings and convenings with key stakeholders, partners, and leaders in child

and youth development, education, arts education, justice reform, health and well-being, and creative workforce development;

- Implement communications pieces and outreach strategies;
- Conduct extensive and ongoing local, regional, national media outreach, both on a one-on-one basis and via broad-based initiatives;
- Coordinate with communications staff from Arts Ed Collective partners as appropriate; and
- Coordinate with Arts and Culture staff to manage interview requests and profiles (as appropriate).

4.0 PROJECT FEE

The maximum all-inclusive Project Fee is \$75,000. This amount is inclusive of all costs incurred, related to, or in performance of the Project.

5.0 ELIGIBILITY

This RFP is open to applicants who reside or work in Los Angeles County.

6.0 SCHEDULE

December 7, 2020

December 8, 2020-January 8, 2021

January 15, 2021

February 8, 2021

June 30, 2021

Deadline for RFP submissions 5:00 PST

Selection Process

Consultant will be selected

Project start date

Project end date

7.0 SELECTION PROCESS

7.1 Interested parties should submit application material as outlined in Section 8.0.

7.2 Proposals will be reviewed by a panel, comprised of members of Arts and Culture staff. Proposals will be scored using the following criteria. Consultants with the top scoring proposals will be contacted for an interview via Zoom or other online platform.

1. Relevance of the Principals' Qualifications and Experience (up to 300 points):

- a. Demonstrated experience developing and implementing complex strategic communications plans and comprehensive media relations strategies;
- b. Extensive relationships with journalists and editors at local, regional, and national media outlets, including print, radio, online, and television;
- c. Experience developing nuanced messaging and communications narratives for initiatives and complex projects; and
- d. Experience organizing and coordinating media events, including event logistics, developing the invitation, structuring the program, writing speakers' remarks, etc.

2. Quality of Proposed Approach (up to 350 points):

- a. An understanding of the arts and culture and arts education fields in the region;

- b. Thoughtful response in letter of interest;
 - c. Ability to work collaboratively and in a time sensitive manner on a large-scale initiative; and
 - d. An understanding of the inequities present in our society, and the institutions, systems, and/or dominate power structures that have denied or prevented specific groups of people from accessing resources or opportunities.
- 3. Ability to Commit to the Timeline (up to 100 points):
Demonstrated capacity to meet the project deliverables within the defined project period.
- 4. Cost Efficiency (up to 100 points):
 - a. Ability to provide quality service at a reasonable rate.
 - b. Budget is adequate to provide high-quality deliverables that align with the Arts Ed Collective and Arts and Culture's standards.
- 5. Participation in County's Preference Programs (up to 150 points):
If organization demonstrates certification for one or more of Los Angeles County's preference programs listed below, they will receive 50 points for each program.
 - a. Local Small Enterprise
 - b. Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise
 - c. Social Enterprise

7.3 Selected consultant will be required to enter into a contract with the County of Los Angeles. Selected consultant will be required to have commercial general liability insurance, automobile insurance (if applicable), and be a registered vendor with the County of Los Angeles.

8.0 TO RESPOND

- 8.1 Interested parties should submit the following to Arts and Culture via email to: communications@arts.lacounty.gov with "Arts Ed Blueprint Communications Consultant RFP" in the subject line. Do not submit materials through the U.S. Mail.
- 1. A letter of interest;
 - 2. Up to a three-page proposal that demonstrates how you would approach this project;
 - 3. A proposal budget (including a bid for the total project budget [not to exceed \$75,000], the hourly rates of all staff, consultants, or contractors expected to be used on the project, and estimates of other costs or fees for delivery of the project);
 - 4. Summary of Qualifications, up to five pages; and
 - 5. Required Attachments (A-C).
- 8.2 Submit letter of interest and proposal saved as a single PDF document. Attachments A-C can be a separate PDF document or combined with letter of interest and proposal, if possible.
- 8.3 Name your PDF(s) using the following naming convention: "FirstInitialLastName-Application" (example: JJones-Application). If your A-C attachments are a separate PDF, use the name "FirstInitialLastName-Attachments" (example: JJones-Attachments).
- 8.4 Submit your PDF(s) via email to communications@arts.lacounty.gov.

9.0 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 9.1. Questions: For questions about this RFP, please contact Kristin Friedrich, Director of Communications, at kfriedrich@arts.lacounty.gov. For additional information about the Department of Arts and Culture, please visit lacountyarts.org. For additional information about the Arts Ed Collective, please visit lacountyartsedcollective.org.
- 9.2. Late Applications: Late applications will not be considered.
- 9.3. Right to Reject Submissions: Arts and Culture reserves the right to accept or reject any and all responses received, or select another consultant through another process.
- 9.4. Notification: All interested parties who submit a proposal will receive written notification of receipt of the proposal.
- 9.5. Disclaimers: The Request for Proposals does not constitute an offer to contract or promise for remuneration, recognition, or any other thing. Submission of any materials in response to this Request for Qualifications will not constitute an express or implied contract. The information contained and/or any program or event described herein may be changed, amended, modified, canceled, revoked, or abandoned without notice at any time and for any reason in the sole discretion of Arts and Culture or the County of Los Angeles.

10.0 STANDARD COUNTY PROVISIONS

- 10.1. Insurance Requirements: Selected consultant will be required to have commercial general liability insurance, automobile insurance (if applicable), and be registered vendor with the County of Los Angeles.
- 10.2. Public Records Act: Responses to this RFP shall become property of the County. When the final selection is made, all submissions in response to this RFP become a matter of public record, with the exception of those parts of each submission which are justifiably defined and identified by the consultant as business or trade secrets, and plainly marked as "Trade Secret," "Confidential," or "Proprietary."

The County shall not, in any way, be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any such record or any parts thereof, if disclosure is required or permitted under the California Public Records Act or otherwise by law. A blanket statement of confidentiality or the marking of each page of the submission as confidential shall not be deemed sufficient notice of exception. The consultant must specifically label only those provisions of their respective submission which are "Trade Secrets," "Confidential," or "Proprietary" in nature.

- 10.3. Conflict of Interest (Board Policies 5.090): No County employee whose position in the County enables him/her to influence the selection of a consultant for this RFP, nor any spouse or economic dependent of such employee, shall be employed in any capacity by consultant or have any other direct or indirect financial interest in this Project. Consultant shall certify that he/she is aware of and has read Section 2.180.010 of the Los Angeles County Code as stated in Attachment A "Certification of No Conflict of Interest."

Consultant, or its subsidiary or Subcontractor ("Proposer/Contractor"), is prohibited from submitting a proposal in a County solicitation if the Proposer/Contractor has provided advice or consultation for the solicitation. A Proposer/Contractor is also prohibited from submitting a bid or

proposal in a County solicitation if the Proposer/Contractor has developed or prepared any of the solicitation materials on behalf of the County. A violation of this provision shall result in the disqualification of the Contractor/Proposer from participation in the County solicitation or the termination or cancellation of any resultant County contract.

- 10.4. Consideration of GAIN/GROW Participants for Employment (Board Policy 5.050): As a threshold requirement for consideration of a County Contract, Contractors shall demonstrate a proven record of hiring participants in the County's Department of Public Social Services Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) or General Relief Opportunity for Work (GROW) Programs or shall attest to a willingness to consider GAIN/GROW participants for any future employment openings if they meet the minimum qualifications for that opening. Contractors shall attest to a willingness to provide employed GAIN/GROW participants access to the Contractor's employee mentoring program, if available, to assist these individuals in obtaining permanent employment and/or promotional opportunities. Contractors who are unable to meet this requirement shall not be considered for a County Contract.

Contractors shall complete and return the form, Attestation of Willingness to Consider GAIN/GROW Participants, as set forth in Attachment B.

- 10.5. Acknowledgement of County's Commitment to Fair Chance Employment Hiring Practices (Board Policy 5.250): On May 29, 2018, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a Fair Chance Employment Policy in an effort to remove job barriers for individuals with criminal records. The policy requires businesses that contract with the County to comply with fair chance employment hiring practices set forth in California Government Code Section 12952, Employment Discrimination: Conviction History (Section 12952).

Contractors are required to complete Attachment C ("Compliance with Fair Chance Employment Hiring Practices Certification"), certifying that they are in full compliance with Section 12952 for the term of any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation.

- 10.6. Safely Surrendered Baby Law (Board Policy 5.135): The consultant shall notify and provide to its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify and provide to its employees, information regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, its implementation in Los Angeles County, and where and how to safely surrender a baby. The information is set forth in Attachment D (Safely Surrendered Baby Law) of this solicitation document. Additional information is available at www.babysafela.org.

11. ATTACHMENTS

Required attachments:

1. **ATTACHMENT A. CERTIFICATION OF NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST**
2. **ATTACHMENT B. ATTESTATION OF WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER GAIN/GROW PARTICIPANTS**
3. **ATTACHMENT C. COMPLIANCE WITH FAIR CHANCE EMPLOYMENT HIRING PRACTICES CERTIFICATION**

Informational Attachments:

ATTACHMENT D. (Safe Baby Surrender Information)

REQUIRED FORMS – ATTACHMENT A

CERTIFICATION OF NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Los Angeles County Code, Section 2.180.010, provides as follows:

CONTRACTS PROHIBITED

Notwithstanding any other section of this Code, the County shall not contract with, and shall reject any SOQs submitted by, the persons or entities specified below, unless the Board of Supervisors finds that special circumstances exist which justify the approval of such contract:

1. Employees of the County or of public agencies for which the Board of Supervisors is the governing body;
2. Profit-making firms or businesses in which employees described in number 1 serve as officers, principals, partners, or major shareholders;
3. Persons who, within the immediately preceding 12 months, came within the provisions of number 1, and who:
 - a. Were employed in positions of substantial responsibility in the area of service to be performed by the contract; or
 - b. Participated in any way in developing the contract or its service specifications; and
4. Profit-making firms or businesses in which the former employees, described in number 3, serve as officers, principals, partners, or major shareholders.

Contracts submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval or ratification shall be accompanied by an assurance by the submitting department, district or agency that the provisions of this section have not been violated.

Contractor Name

Contractor Official Title

Official's Signature

REQUIRED FORMS – ATTACHMENT B

ATTESTATION OF WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER GAIN/GROW PARTICIPANTS

As a threshold requirement for consideration for contract award, Contractor shall demonstrate a proven record for hiring GAIN/GROW participants or shall attest to a willingness to consider GAIN/GROW participants for any future employment opening if they meet the minimum qualifications for that opening. Additionally, Contractor shall attest to a willingness to provide employed GAIN/GROW participants access to the Contractor's employee mentoring program, if available, to assist these individuals in obtaining permanent employment and/or promotional opportunities.

To report all job openings with job requirements to obtain qualified GAIN/GROW participants as potential employment candidates, Contractor shall email: GAINGROW@DPSS.LACOUNTY.GOV and BSERVICES@WDACS.LACOUNTY.GOV.

Contractors unable to meet this requirement shall not be considered for contract award.

Contractor shall complete all of the following information, sign where indicated below, and return this form with any resumes and/or fixed price bid being submitted:

A. Contractor has a proven record of hiring GAIN/GROW participants.

_____ YES (subject to verification by County) _____ NO

B. Contractor is willing to provide DPSS with all job openings and job requirements to consider GAIN/GROW participants for any future employment openings if the GAIN/GROW participant meets the minimum qualifications for the opening. "Consider" means that Contractor is willing to interview qualified GAIN/GROW participants.

_____ YES _____ NO

C. Contractor is willing to provide employed GAIN/GROW participants access to its employee-mentoring program, if available.

_____ YES _____ NO _____ N/A (Program not available)

Contractor Organization: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Fax No.: _____

REQUIRED FORMS - ATTACHMENT C

COMPLIANCE WITH FAIR CHANCE EMPLOYMENT HIRING PRACTICES CERTIFICATION

Company Name:		
Company Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Telephone Number:	Email address:	
Solicitation/Contract for _____ Services		

PROPOSER/CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a Fair Chance Employment Policy in an effort to remove job barriers for individuals with criminal records. The policy requires businesses that contract with the County to comply with fair chance employment hiring practices set forth in California Government Code Section 12952, Employment Discrimination: Conviction History (California Government Code Section 12952), effective January 1, 2018.

Proposer/Contractor acknowledges and certifies compliance with fair chance employment hiring practices set forth in California Government Code Section 12952 and agrees that proposer/contractor and staff performing work under the Contract will be in compliance. Proposer/Contractor further acknowledges that noncompliance with fair chance employment practices set forth in California Government Code Section 12952 may result in rejection of any proposal, or termination of any resultant Contract, at the sole judgment of the County.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information herein is true and correct and that I am authorized to represent this company.

Print Name:	Title:
Signature:	Date:

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Safely Surrendered Baby Law

What is the Safely Surrendered Baby Law?

California's Safely Surrendered Baby Law allows parents or other persons, with lawful custody, which means anyone to whom the parent has given permission to confidentially surrender a baby. As long as the baby is three days (72 hours) of age or younger and has not been abused or neglected, the baby may be surrendered without fear of arrest or prosecution.

Every baby deserves a chance for a healthy life. If someone you know is considering abandoning a baby, let her know there are other options. For three days (72 hours) after birth, a baby can be surrendered to staff at any hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County.

How does it work?

A distressed parent who is unable or unwilling to care for a baby can legally, confidentially, and safely surrender a baby within three days (72 hours) of birth. The baby must be handed to an employee at a hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County. As long as the baby shows no sign of abuse or neglect, no name or other information is required. In case the parent changes his or her mind at a later date and wants the baby back, staff will use bracelets to help connect them to each other. One bracelet will be placed on the baby, and a matching bracelet will be given to the parent or other surrendering adult.

What if a parent wants the baby back?

Parents who change their minds can begin the process of reclaiming their baby within 14 days. These parents should call the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services at 1-800-540-4000.

Can only a parent bring in the baby?

No. While in most cases a parent will bring in the baby, the Law allows other people to bring in the baby if they have lawful custody.

Does the parent or surrendering adult have to call before bringing in the baby?

No. A parent or surrendering adult can bring in a baby anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, as long as the parent or surrendering adult surrenders the baby to someone who works at the hospital or fire station.

Does the parent or surrendering adult have to tell anything to the people taking the baby?

No. However, hospital or fire station personnel will ask the surrendering party to fill out a questionnaire designed to gather important medical history information, which is very useful in caring for the baby. The questionnaire includes a stamped return envelope and can be sent in at a later time.

What happens to the baby?

The baby will be examined and given medical treatment. Upon release from the hospital, social workers immediately place the baby in a safe and loving home and begin the adoption process.

What happens to the parent or surrendering adult?

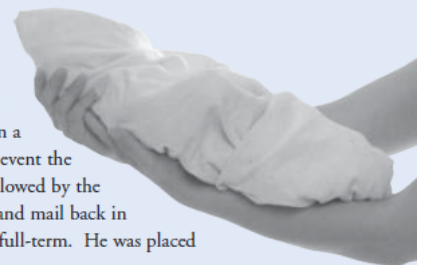
Once the parent or surrendering adult surrenders the baby to hospital or fire station personnel, they may leave at any time.

Why is California doing this?

The purpose of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law is to protect babies from being abandoned, hurt or killed by their parents. You may have heard tragic stories of babies left in dumpsters or public bathrooms. Their parents may have been under severe emotional distress. The mothers may have hidden their pregnancies, fearful of what would happen if their families found out. Because they were afraid and had no one or nowhere to turn for help, they abandoned their babies. Abandoning a baby is illegal and places the baby in extreme danger. Too often, it results in the baby's death. The Safely Surrendered Baby Law prevents this tragedy from ever happening again in California.

A baby's story

Early in the morning on April 9, 2005, a healthy baby boy was safely surrendered to nurses at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. The woman who brought the baby to the hospital identified herself as the baby's aunt and stated the baby's mother had asked her to bring the baby to the hospital on her behalf. The aunt was given a bracelet with a number matching the anklet placed on the baby; this would provide some identification in the event the mother changed her mind about surrendering the baby and wished to reclaim the baby in the 14-day period allowed by the Law. The aunt was also provided with a medical questionnaire and said she would have the mother complete and mail back in the stamped return envelope provided. The baby was examined by medical staff and pronounced healthy and full-term. He was placed with a loving family that had been approved to adopt him by the Department of Children and Family Services.



Ley de Entrega de Bebés *Sin Peligro*



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Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro

¿Qué es la Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro?

La Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro de California permite la entrega confidencial de un recién nacido por parte de sus padres u otras personas con custodia legal, es decir cualquier persona a quien los padres le hayan dado permiso. Siempre que el bebé tenga tres días (72 horas) de vida o menos, y no haya sufrido abuso ni negligencia, pueden entregar al recién nacido sin temor de ser arrestados o procesados.

Cada recién nacido se merece la oportunidad de tener una vida saludable. Si alguien que usted conoce está pensando en abandonar a un recién nacido, infórmele que tiene otras opciones. Hasta tres días (72 horas) después del nacimiento, se puede entregar un recién nacido al personal de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del condado de Los Angeles.

¿Cómo funciona?

El padre/madre con dificultades que no pueda o no quiera cuidar de su recién nacido puede entregarlo en forma legal, confidencial y segura dentro de los tres días (72 horas) del nacimiento. El bebé debe ser entregado a un empleado de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Ángeles. Siempre que el bebé no presente signos de abuso o negligencia, no será necesario suministrar nombres ni información alguna. Si el padre/madre cambia de opinión posteriormente y desea recuperar a su bebé, los trabajadores utilizarán brazaletes para poder vincularlos. El bebé llevará un brazaletes y el padre/madre o el adulto que lo entregue recibirá un brazaletes igual.

¿Qué pasa si el padre/madre desea recuperar a su bebé?

Los padres que cambien de opinión pueden comenzar el proceso de reclamar a su recién nacido dentro de los 14 días. Estos padres deberán llamar al Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias (Department of Children and Family Services) del Condado de Los Ángeles al 1-800-540-4000.

¿Sólo los padres podrán llevar al recién nacido?

No. Si bien en la mayoría de los casos son los padres los que llevan al bebé, la ley permite que otras personas lo hagan si tienen custodia legal.

¿Los padres o el adulto que entrega al bebé deben llamar antes de llevar al bebé?

No. El padre/madre o adulto puede llevar al bebé en cualquier momento, las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana, siempre y cuando entreguen a su bebé a un empleado del hospital o cuartel de bomberos.

¿Es necesario que el padre/madre o adulto diga algo a las personas que reciben al bebé?

No. Sin embargo, el personal del hospital o cuartel de bomberos le pedirá a la persona que entregue al bebé que llene un cuestionario con la finalidad de recabar antecedentes médicos importantes, que resultan de gran utilidad para cuidar bien del bebé. El cuestionario incluye un sobre con el sello postal pagado para enviarlo en otro momento.

¿Qué pasará con el bebé?

El bebé será examinado y le brindarán atención médica. Cuando le den el alta del hospital, los trabajadores sociales inmediatamente ubicarán al bebé en un hogar seguro donde estará bien atendido, y se comenzará el proceso de adopción.

¿Qué pasará con el padre/madre o adulto que entregue al bebé?

Una vez que los padres o adulto hayan entregado al bebé al personal del hospital o cuartel de bomberos, pueden irse en cualquier momento.

¿Por qué se está haciendo esto en California?

La finalidad de la Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro es proteger a los bebés para que no sean abandonados, lastimados o muertos por sus padres. Usted probablemente haya escuchado historias trágicas sobre bebés abandonados en basureros o en baños públicos. Los padres de esos bebés probablemente hayan estado pasando por dificultades emocionales graves. Las madres pueden haber ocultado su embarazo, por temor a lo que pasaría si sus familias se enteraran. Abandonaron a sus bebés porque tenían miedo y no tenían nadie a quien pedir ayuda. El abandono de un recién nacido es ilegal y pone al bebé en una situación de peligro extremo. Muy a menudo el abandono provoca la muerte del bebé. La Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro impide que vuelva a suceder esta tragedia en California.

Historia de un bebé

A la mañana temprano del día 9 de abril de 2005, se entregó un recién nacido saludable a las enfermeras del Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. La mujer que llevó el recién nacido al hospital se dio a conocer como la tía del bebé, y dijo que la madre le había pedido que llevara al bebé al hospital en su nombre. Le entregaron a la tía un brazaletes con un número que coincidía con la pulsera del bebé; esto serviría como identificación en caso de que la madre cambiara de opinión con respecto a la entrega del bebé y decidiera recuperarlo dentro del período de 14 días que permite esta ley. También le dieron a la tía un cuestionario médico, y ella dijo que la madre lo llenaría y lo enviaría de vuelta dentro del sobre con franqueo pagado que le habían dado. El personal médico examinó al bebé y se determinó que estaba saludable y a término. El bebé fue ubicado con una buena familia que ya había sido aprobada para adoptarlo por el Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias.

