

## **Safety of Newborns** ***Parent Information Packet***

Dear Birth Parent(s):

Thank you for bringing your baby to a safe place. You have taken the first step in making sure that your child will be well taken care of. We know that this has been a difficult decision for you, and we will do what we can to give your child the best possible care.

This packet has information to help you find care for yourself and to learn what your choices are right now. The baby will be at the hospital for at least a day. Child Protective Services will find a foster care home. More information about the foster care and adoption process is included in this packet, along with phone numbers for the hospitals and Child Protective Services.

Please look at the information about what to expect after having a baby. If you are unable to visit your own medical provider, come to the hospital or seek medical care through one of the resources listed in this packet. Tell the medical provider that you transferred your baby under the "Safety of Newborn Children" law and they will not report you to law enforcement.

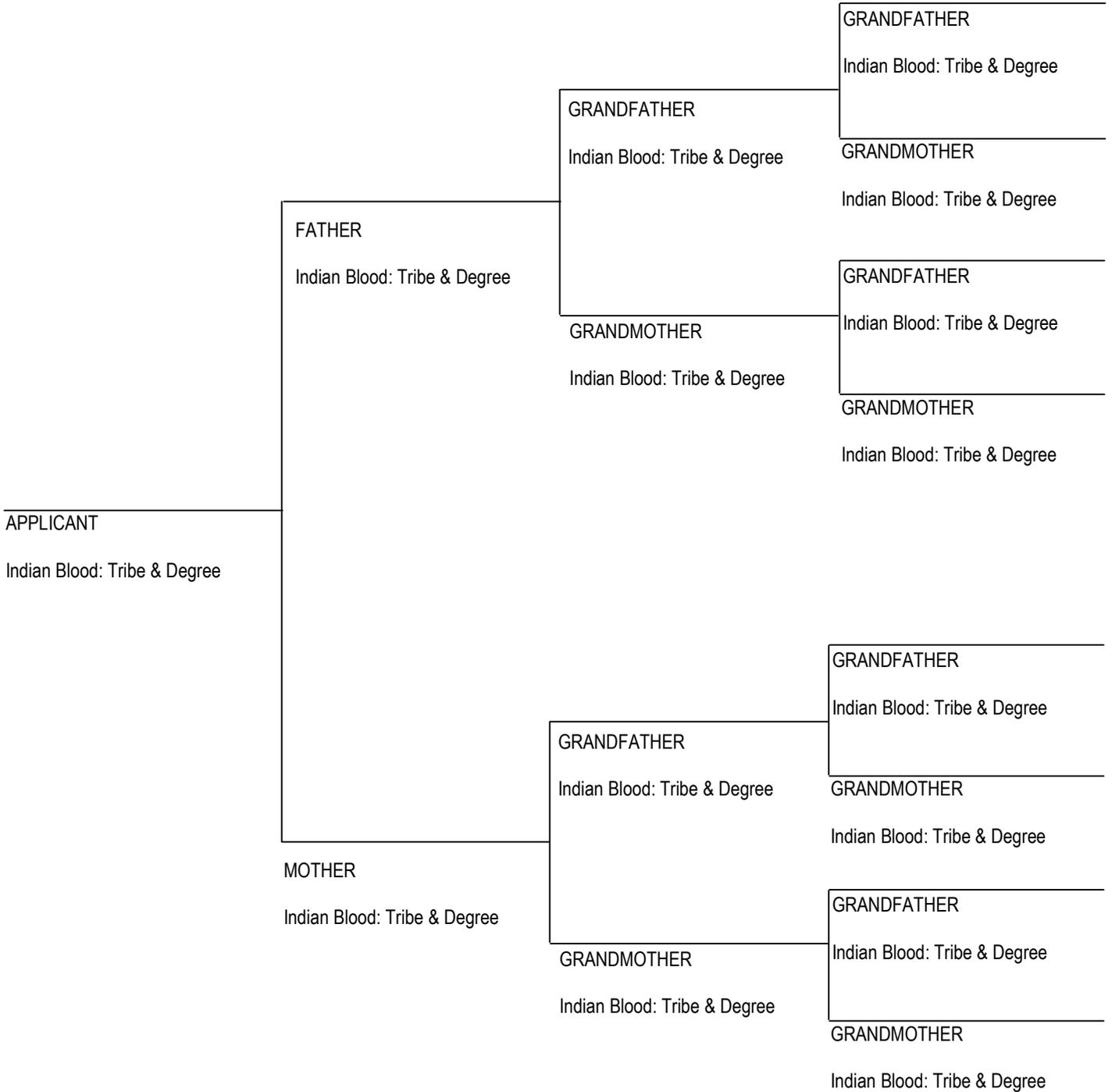
Please help us by providing some health information. This information is important for your child's care now and in the future. This information will be used only for this purpose. It will not be used to identify you or find you. Answer only those questions you feel comfortable answering.

Mail the forms in the addressed / stamped envelope provided in the packet. 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.

## FAMILY ANCESTRY CHART



- If a child has Native American ancestry, please include Tribe and Degree in above areas

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| Date Newborn Transferred: | Hospital/Fire Station: | ID Band Number: |
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## MESSAGE TO NEWBORN

Dear Parent:

Please take this time to write a message to your newborn. We will pass this message on to the child's social worker so that your child may someday read it.

**Parent's Message To Newborn:**

*This history is a thoughtful gift, and will accompany your child.  
After filling out this form, please mail to:*

**"Newborn Safety"  
Adoptions Program Manager  
Children's Administration  
Department of Social and Health Services  
PO Box 45710  
Olympia, WA 98504-5710**

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

If you change your mind or have questions about the baby,  
call the Division of Children and Family Services at:

**1-800-562-5624**

**Explain that you transferred your baby under the Safety of Newborn Children Law. Provide the date that you transferred your child and the location of the transfer (hospital/fire station / city). You may be asked to provide the child's bracelet number for verification. You will then be provided with the name and number of the child's social worker. If you have transferred a child under this law, you have not committed a crime and you will not be referred to law enforcement.**

### Statewide Numbers

#### Adoption Agencies Statewide Listing

- Department of Social and Health Services: 1-800-562-5628  
www.dshs.wa.gov

#### Domestic Violence

- Washington State Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-562-6025

#### Substance Abuse Services

- 24 Hour Drug and Alcohol Helpline: 1-800-562-6025

#### Medical Assistance / Crisis / Counseling

- Healthy Mothers / Healthy Babies 1-800-322-2588
- Safe Place For Newborns 1-877-440-2229
- Parent Trust for Washington Children 1-800-932-HOPE

### Local Numbers

#### Domestic Violence

- Aspen 509-925-9384

#### Substance Abuse Services

- Alcohol and Drug Dependency Service 509-925-9821

#### Medical Assistance (Mother)

- County Health Department 509-933-8245
- Kittitas Valley Community Hospital 509-962-9841
- Dr. Sand 509-962-5000
- Dr. Longo 509-933-8717

#### Counseling / Crisis

- County Crisis Line 509-925-4168
- Family Services 509-925-9861