



# **Floyd County Medical Center is a Safe Haven facility**

The Safe Haven Act is a law that allows parents – or another person who has the parent’s authorization to leave an infant up to 14 days old at a hospital or health care facility without fear of prosecution for abandonment. Iowa adopted this law in 2001, and currently all 50 states have a form of Safe Haven Law. Since the law passed, 14 infants have been adopted through the program, but an estimated 6 have been killed. Under the law, a parent, or designated person can directly relinquish custody of an unharmed infant to any individual at a hospital or other healthcare facility, or leave the infant at a hospital or healthcare facility and immediately contact the facility or call 911 to make them aware that an infant has been left under the provisions of the Safe Haven Act.

## **Get the word out about the Safe Haven Act!**

**For more information about the Safe Haven Act, you can contact the Iowa Department of Human Services, Floyd County Medical Center, or any other healthcare facility.**

**You can also find information at [www.dhs.iowa.gov](http://www.dhs.iowa.gov) and search Safe Haven Act, or visit our website at [www.fcmc.us.gov](http://www.fcmc.us.gov)**

