



## *Adoption Community of New England, Inc.*

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### **Position Statement**

### **Safe Haven Legislation**

Adoption Community of New England, Inc. believes that all children are entitled to safety, security and permanency. Safe Haven laws, while well intentioned, are the wrong approach because:

- 1) In states that have implemented Safe Haven laws, statistics demonstrate that these laws do not reduce the number of abandoned babies;
- 2) Safe Haven laws may place children at risk if they are placed with inadequately trained emergency personnel;
- 3) For healthy identity development, children must have knowledge of their medical, social, ethnic and cultural histories. Safe Haven laws do not encourage the recording, sharing or provision of this critical information.