

Safe Haven Baby Boxes



Until Abandonments No Longer
Happen

United States of America

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Adopted and Loved

- u August 1972, a young 17 year old girl was brutally attacked and raped and left along the side of the road to die. This was in 1972 when abortion was illegal in the United States. Despite abortion being illegal, this 17 year old girl found her self at a back alley abortion clinic to have an abortion. While standing in front of the man who was going to take her child's life, this young girl changed her mind. She left the abortion clinic and never looked back. She gave birth to a baby girl on April 19, 1973 and abandoned her at a hospital two hours after giving birth. This child was me. ~~~Monica Kelsey

Baby Safe Haven becomes Law in every state in the US between 1999-2004

- Every state in the US has a Baby Safe Haven law where a mother who doesn't want or can't care for her child can walk into safe haven locations and surrender her newborn no questions asked. Some safe haven locations are fire stations, police stations and hospitals.

AS of 2017, 3317 newborns have been safely and legally surrendered under the Baby Safe Haven Law.

Abandonments in the United States

- In the United States on average, a baby is discovered abandoned every three days in unsafe places such as dumpsters, trash cans...etc.

Premarital Pregnancy Statistics For the United States

2012 - 2016 41.2%

2010 - 2012 43%

2003 - 2009 41%

1997 - 2002 27%

1990 - 1996 21%

1985 - 1989 15%

Before 1989 12%

Number of out-of-wedlock births in 2014

1,609,619

Total Births in 2014--- 4.5 million

Out-of-Wedlock Birth Rate by Ethnicity

Black 72%

Native American 66%

Hispanic 53%

White 29%

Asian 17%

Source: Statistic
Brain Research
Institute (Online /
Direct Response Mail)

Abortion in the United States

- Based on available state-level data, approximately 893,000 abortions took place in the United States in 2016—down from approximately 914,000 abortions in 2015.
- In 2014, an estimated 926,240 abortions took place in the United States—down from 1.06 million in 2011, 1.21 million abortions in 2008, 1.2 million in 2005, 1.29 million in 2002, 1.31 million in 2000 and 1.36 million in 1996. From 1973 through 2011, nearly 53 million legal abortions occurred in the U.S (AGI).
- In 2014, approximately 19% of U.S. pregnancies (excluding spontaneous miscarriages) ended in abortion.
- According to the United Nations' 2013 report, only nine countries in the world have a higher reported abortion rate than the United States. They are: Bulgaria, Cuba, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Romania, Russia, Sweden, and Ukraine.*

WHO HAS ABORTIONS?

In 2014, unmarried women accounted for 85.5% of all abortions (CDC).

Among married women, 4% of pregnancies end in abortion

Women in their 20s accounted for the majority of abortions in 2014 and had the highest abortion rates (CDC).

Percentage of 2014 Reported Abortions by Age of Mother (CDC):

<15 years	.03%
15-19 years	10.4%
20-24 years	32.2%
25-29 years	26.7%
30-34 years	17.1%
35-39 years	9.7%
≥40 years	3.6%

WHO HAS ABORTIONS CONT....

Women living with a partner to whom they are not married account for 25% of abortions but only about 10% of women in the population (NAF).

In 2014, women who had not aborted in the past accounted for 55.1% of all abortions; women with one or two prior abortions accounted for 36.3%, and women with three or more prior abortions accounted for 8.6% (CDC).

Among women who obtained abortions in 2014, 40.4% had no prior live births; 45.7% had one or two prior live births, and 13.8% had three or more prior live births (CDC).

In 2014, 30% of aborting women identified themselves as Protestant and 24% identified themselves as Catholic (AGI).

Cape Town South Africa December 2013

- While on a speaking tour in Cape Town South Africa, I discovered the “Baby Safe” in the wall of a church in Cape Town. This inspired me to bring boxes to the United States.



founded in 2014

The First Baby Box law passes in the state of Indiana in 2015

- u Before this law passed, there was no baby box law ever passed in the United States before.
- u “Safe Haven Baby Boxes” was instrumental in baby boxes coming to America
- u The Infant mortality rate in Indiana was at an all time high at 9.8%
- u Critics were out raged that children placed in the baby boxes would never be able to know their biological parents
- u Critics were outraged that children placed in the baby boxes robbed their mothers of face to face contact to be able to offer the mother medical help

December 2015 “Safe Haven Baby Boxes” launches a toll free number for women to call who are in crisis who can receive immediate help.

The call center helps women in crisis who need help during or after pregnancy. The call center can help with getting the caller to a crisis pregnancy center, help the caller with an adoption referral, a parenting plan or a safe haven baby box location to surrender their newborn.

1-866-99BABY1
“Safe Haven Baby Box” crisis line

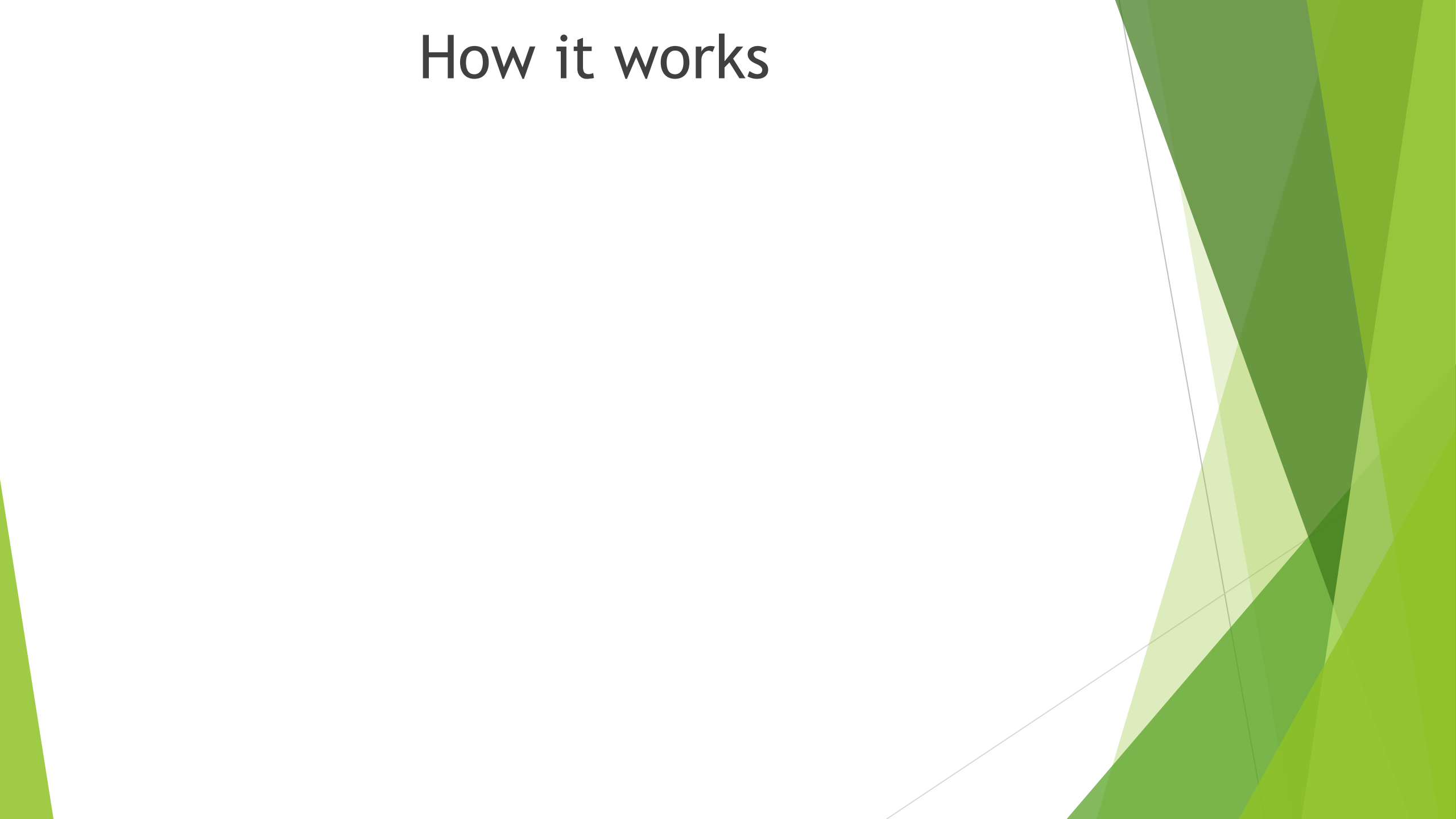
Prototypes Building Process

**Installing the first
“Safe Haven Baby Box”
April 19, 2016**

Woodburn, Indiana Home of Safe Haven Baby Box #1

Currently only two Safe Haven Baby Boxes exist in the United States with many more boxes coming in the upcoming months.

How it works



First Baby placed in a “Safe Haven Baby Box”

Contact Me at:

- u To follow our progress in the United States, go to www.SafeHavenBabyBoxes.com
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- u www.MonicaKelsey.com