



## **Introduction for new Volunteer/State Representative**

The National Safe Haven Alliance (NSHA) is so excited and thankful you are interested in participating as a NSHA Volunteer or NSHA State Representative for baby Safe Haven efforts. Provided in this document are basic roles and responsibilities for each position although these are not limited to defined tasks. We are grateful you are choosing to create impact and awareness about the Safe Haven law in your community.

When a state does not have a current operating Safe Haven organization, members of the community are given the opportunity to serve and lead Safe Haven efforts with guidance and support from the NSHA team. We are here to help guide you however you feel best called to serve and are thankful for your passion to save babies, help women, and assist parents in choosing a safe alternative to infant abandonment.

Please review our website at [www.nationalsafehavenalliance.org](http://www.nationalsafehavenalliance.org). Explore each tab as every resource is a helpful tool for understanding our mission and becoming familiar with the national program. NSHA supports state efforts that are in alignment with our mission and values and we encourage affiliation and use of the logo and brand that has been developed. NSHA Crisis Response Team operates a 24/7 confidential hotline. It receives calls from across the country and assists parents and providers with safe options for an infant including parenting resources, temporary placement, adoption and Safe Haven.

There are options depending on the level of involvement you choose. These are great options in our mission to save lives through awareness and we are grateful for your help in any way. Below is a short overview of the options for you to consider. You will receive additional information depending on what you choose to do. Thank you again for reaching out.

### **1. Volunteer**

- You will receive digital files of the NSHA poster and brochure. You will also receive an educational power point presentation regarding the Safe Haven Law in your state. If your state has an established Safe Haven organization, you will be given contact information for your state's leader.
- Review NSHA website, [www.nationalsafehavenalliance.org](http://www.nationalsafehavenalliance.org) Please review each tab and resource as well as the interactive map.
- Research your state Safe Haven law so that you are familiar with safe haven providers/locations, the age limit of the baby, and any other pertinent information about your state.
- Follow and share NSHA posts to your personal social media:
  - Facebook, Twitter, Instagram: @safebabyhaven
- Find local Safe Haven locations: Do they have signs?
- Provide Safe Haven education, training and materials for providers and pregnancy resource centers.
- Distribute brochures and posters.
- Share Safe Haven info with churches, social service agencies, and at community events in order to raise awareness.
- Encourage donations or sponsor SH site/location with the Adopt A Safe Haven Project.
- Attend annual Infant Abandonment Prevention Conference (if possible).

## 2. State Representative

- You will receive digital files of the NSHA poster and brochure. You will also receive an educational power point presentation regarding the Safe Haven Law in your state. If your state has an established Safe Haven organization, you will be given contact information for your state's leader.
- Review NSHA website, [www.nationalsafehavenalliance.org](http://www.nationalsafehavenalliance.org) Please review each tab and resource as well as the interactive map.
- Review all NSHA policies and training materials.
- Become member of NSHS State Rep Facebook Group.
- Receive monthly communication from NSHA Leadership.
- Consider creating social media profiles for your state.
- Research your state Safe Haven law so that you are very familiar with and safe haven providers/locations, the age limit of the baby, and any other pertinent information.
- Follow and share NSHA posts to your personal social media:
  - Facebook, Twitter, Instagram: @safebabyhaven
- Find local Safe Haven locations: Do they have signs?
- Provide Safe Haven education, training and materials for providers and pregnancy resource centers.
- Create partnerships with agencies such as DCS/DCFS
- Share Safe Haven info with churches, social service agencies, and at community events in order to raise awareness.
- Encourage donations or sponsor SH site/location with the Adopt A Safe Haven Project.
- Participate in Quarterly Safe Haven Leader calls.
- Attend annual Infant Abandonment Prevention Conference (if possible).

This information provides options to consider and review. Please contact either Shannon McCloud or Heather Burner with any questions and we look forward to you joining our team.

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