

# DSS

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Dear Members of the General Assembly:

The enclosed report, which represents case activity related to the Safe Haven Act, is being submitted in compliance with South Carolina Code Section 20-7-785(K):

“(K) Annually the department shall submit a report to the General Assembly containing data on infants who come into the custody of the department pursuant to this section. The data must include, but is not limited to, the date, time, and place where the infant was taken, the health of the infant at the time of being admitted to the hospital, disposition and placement of the infant, and if available, circumstances surrounding the infant left at the safe haven. No data in the report may contain identifying information.”

This is the fourth report to be submitted by the agency since the revision above took effect June 2006. The time period covered is that of the state fiscal year, July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Thank you for your interest and support of the children who must be placed in foster care. I look forward to working with each of you for ongoing improvement of the child welfare system.

Sincerely,



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State Director

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Enclosure

Daniel's Law 2009-2010						
Date	Location of Safe Haven	Condition of Infant Placement Type	Date of TPR	County	Date of Adoption	
07.04.09	Spartanburg Regional Hospital	Hispanic female born (pre adopt 7.08.09) in hospital no prenatal care, 4lbs 10oz, 36 weeks gestation negative drug screen mother stated she could not care for baby	04.15.10	Spartanburg	adoption agreement signed 6.16.10	
07.18.09	Orangeburg Hospital	Caucasian 6 lbs 13 oz (foster/adopt) Mother delivered at hospital Left hospital within hour	Filed	Richland	placed from hospital waiting TPR for finalization	
11.11.09	Piedmont Medical Center	Mother delivered under (foster/adopt 12.10.09) false name, left hospital infant tested positive for cocaine Bi-racial Female	03.18.10	York	adoptive placement 5.20.10 finalization scheduled 8.13.10	
03.06.10	Greenville Hospital	Caucasian Male 7lbs. (adoptive placement) Abandoned by female in ER	06.24.10	Greenville	waiting on the order to finalize	
06.10.10	Palmetto Hospital	A/A male 6lbs (foster/adopt) Born on mother's porch Denied knowledge of pregnancy EMS transported to Palmetto Mother admitted Crack, marijuana	Filed	Richland	placed from hospital waiting for TPR to finalize	