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**ARE YOU EXPECTING A BABY? DO YOU NEED HELP?  
READ THIS AND KNOW THAT:**

Public institutions can help Italian and foreign women who are expecting a baby and are in difficulty:

**HOW THEY CAN HELP:**

Every local authority can provide other forms of help for mothers in economic difficulty. Consult the social services, local help centres or get in touch with religious/ non religious voluntary associations.

**DO YOU KNOW THAT:**

If you are an illegal immigrant you cannot be expelled during pregnancy and for 6 months after the birth. In this case you can ask for a residence permit for health reasons and you can be enlisted in the National Health Service.

**IF AFTER BIRTH YOU DON'T WANT TO OR CAN'T BRING UP YOUR BABY**

**REMEMBER THAT:**

You can give birth anonymously and *not keep your child after the birth* without breaking the law, *but it is illegal to abandon a baby*. In fact under Italian law, every woman married or not (even if an illegal immigrant) has the right to give birth in hospital even if she has no intention of keeping the baby. There will be no expulsion order, her identity will remain secret and will not be revealed by law. Consult public hospital centres, obstetrics or gynecology wards, or the ASL of your city.

After birth when you have recovered in hospital you can leave your child in hospital, in safe hands: after 10 days If you decide definitely not to keep the baby, it will be available for adoption. It will be given a name and a surname and in a short time it will find a family that will welcome it with love and affection.

**SO YOU WON'T HAVE TO WORRY AND YOUR BABY WILL GROW BEING LOVED  
AND LOOKED AFTER.**