# **BECOMING A MOTHER**

MOOD SWINGS AND A SENSE OF INADEQUACY CAN BE OVERCOME





IT'S NORMAL TO THINK THAT A NEW MOTHER MUST BE HAPPY ALL THE TIME BUT IN SOME CASES IT'S NOT LIKE THAT. EVERY WOMAN HAS HER OWN STORY OF PREGNANCY AND BIRTH AND MAY NEED SOME TIME TO ADAPT TO MATERNITY. IT CAN HAPPEN THAT CERTAIN **NEW MOTHERS EXPERIENCE MATERNITY WITH** A SENSE OF INADEQUACY OR FEEL SAD FOR NO **REASON, IRRITABLE, TEARFUL DURING THE** IMPORTANT NEW EXPERIENCE OF MATERNITY. THESE SENSATIONS CAN OCCASIONALLY **TURN INTO DEPRESSIVE FORMS (POST-NATAL DEPRESSION**. THESE IN CASES IT'S IMPORTANT NOT TO ISOLATE YOURSELF AND NOT TO UNDERESTIMATE THE FIRST SIGNS OF **ANXIETY BUT TO TAKE PART IN SUPPORT GROUPS WITH OTHER MOTHERS, ALSO AT A** FAMILY ADVICE BUREAU OR TO TURN TO A **PROFESSIONAL YOU TRUST. THIS LEAFLET** SHOWS THE ASL CLINIC TO CONTACT OR THAT CAN POINT YOU TO OTHER ASL CLINICS THAT **GUARANTEE.** FREE. ANONYMOUS DIRECT ACCESS (WITHOUT ANY COMMITMENT) TO SUPPORT YOU AND HELP YOU COPE WITH ANY DIFFICULTIES.

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