# Infant Suffocation Deaths in the Sleep Environment

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- Recent trends in infant suffocation death rates
- Circumstances of the sleep environment and risk factors in infant suffocation
- State and local community efforts in risk reduction and prevention of infant suffocation
- Community-based safe sleep and suffocation prevention programs





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# Understanding SUID: Definitions, Trends and the SUID Case Registry



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# Overview

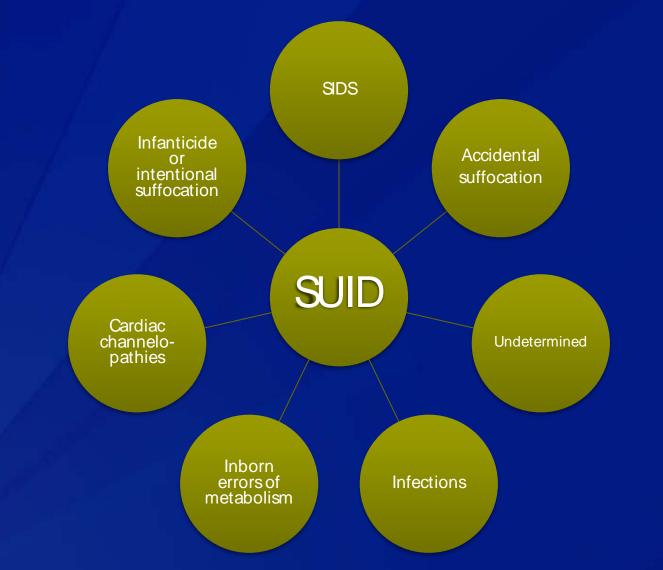
Definition of SIDS and other SUID
 Trends in SIDS and other SUID mortality
 SUID surveillance and death certificates
 CDC's SUID Case Registry Pilot Program



# **SUID Definition**

- SUID: Sudden, unexpected infant death
- Infant deaths that:
  - Occur suddenly and unexpectedly in previously healthy infants
  - Have no obvious cause of death prior to investigation (unexplained)
  - Excludes deaths with an obvious cause, e.g., motor vehicle accidents
- SIDS is a type of SUID

# Some Types of SUID



# **SUID Categories**

#### Explained

- Long QT
- MCAD
- Head injury
- Infanticide
- Hyperthermia
- Infection
- Overdose

SIDS
Undetermined cause
Suffocation

**Unexplained\*** 

\*Cause of death was unexplained by autopsy or autopsy was not completed

# Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)

"...sudden death of an infant under one year of age which remains unexplained after a thorough case investigation, including performance of a complete autopsy, examination of the death scene, and review of the clinical history."

# Mechanisms of Accidental Suffocation and Strangulation in Bed (ASSB)

 Suffocation by soft bedding, pillow, waterbed mattress

 Overlaying (rolling on top of or against baby while sleeping)

Wedging or entrapment between mattress and wall, bed frame, etc

 Strangulation (infant's head and neck caught between crib railings)









\*All could be designated as ICD 10 code W75



# TRENDS IN SIDS AND OTHER SUID MORTALITY

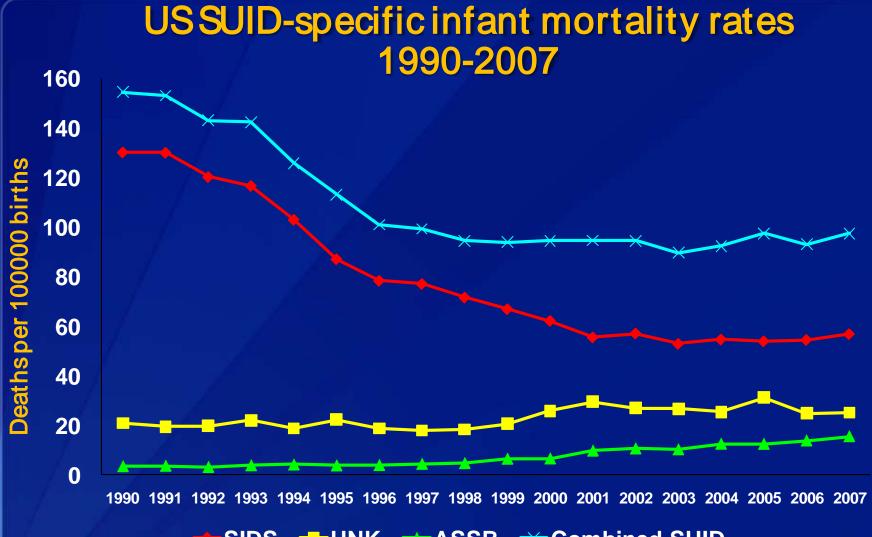
# Public Health Implications of SUID

- About 4600 per year, half are SIDS
   Most frequently reported causes:
  - SIDS
    - Leading cause of postneonatal mortality
  - Unknown or undetermined cause (UNK)
  - Accidental suffocation & strangulation in bed (ASSB)
    - Leading cause of infant injury mortality
    - Potentially preventable

#### Less frequently reported causes:

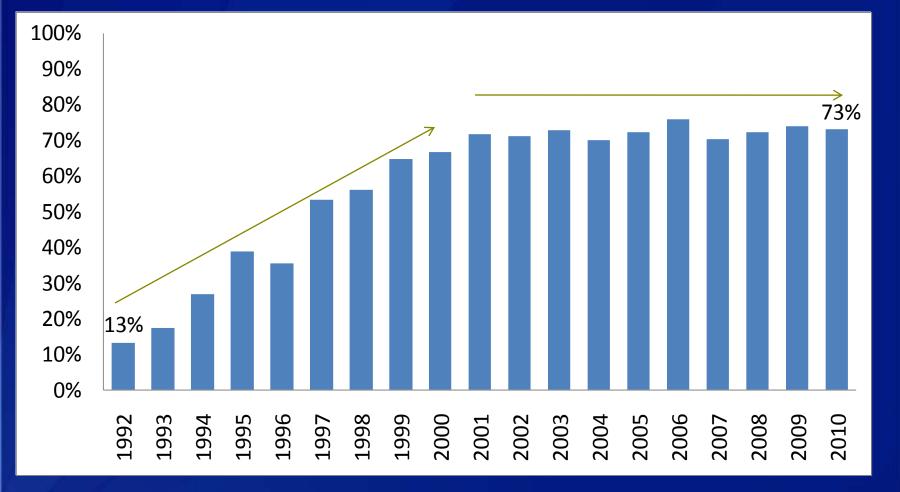
 Infanticide/intentional suffocation (<5%), inborn errors of metabolism (1%), cardiac channelopathies (5-10%), infection

Sources: Shapiro-Mendoza et al, Peds, 2009. Kinney and Thach, NEJM, 2009.

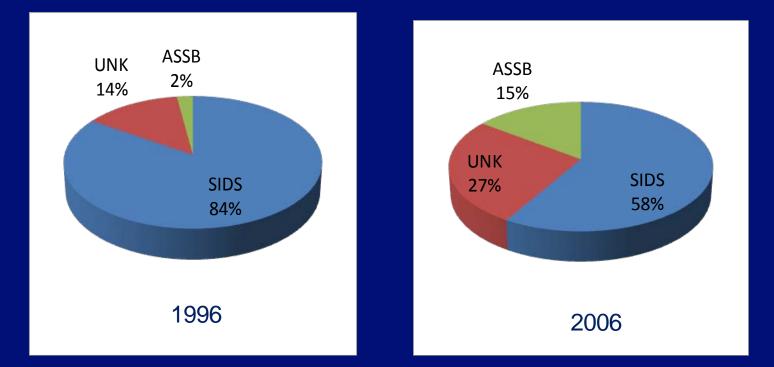


SIDS: sudden infant death syndrome, UNK: Unknown cause, ASSB: accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed, Combined SUID: SIDS+UNK+ASSB Source: CDC WONDER, Mortality Files

# Infant Supine Sleep Position 1992 - 2010



# Proportion of SUID Unexplained by Autopsy, or no Autopsy



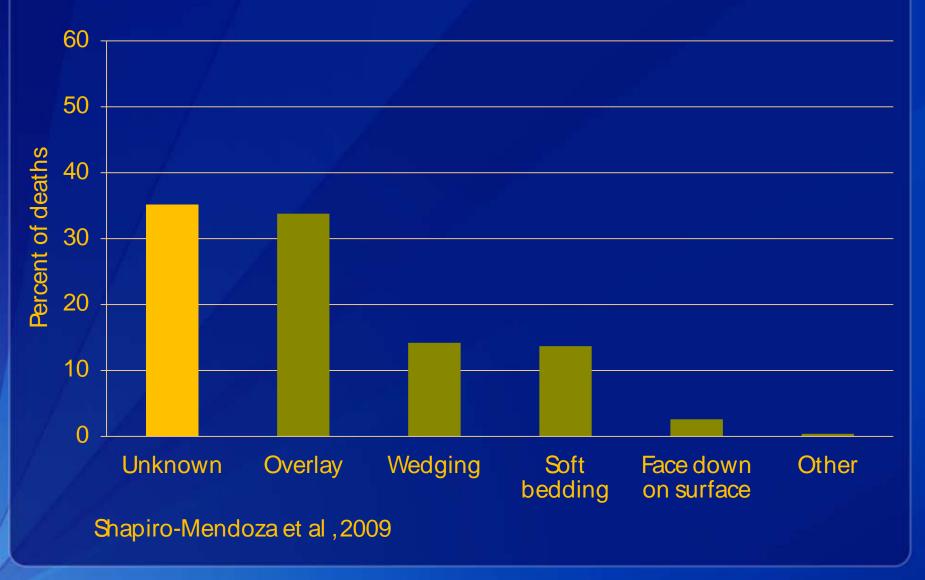
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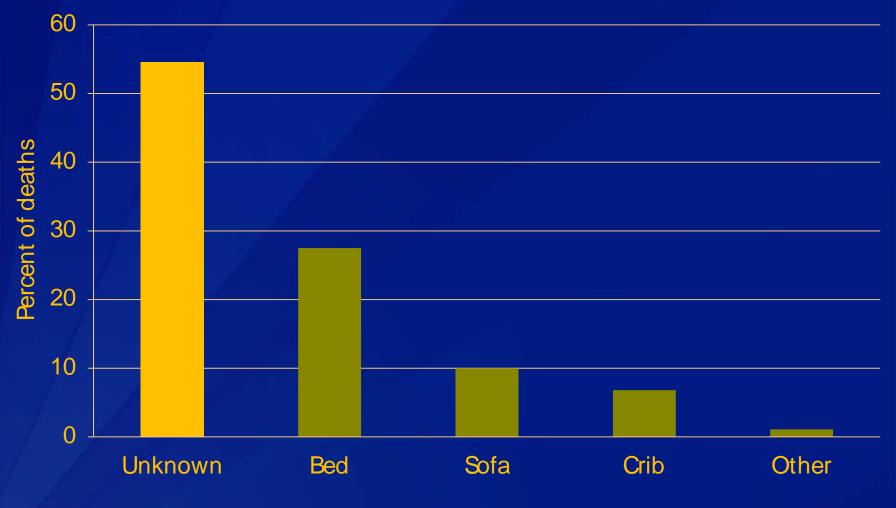
# Cause of Death Section from US Death Certificate

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### Mechanism attributed to suffocation deaths, US death certificates, 2003-2004

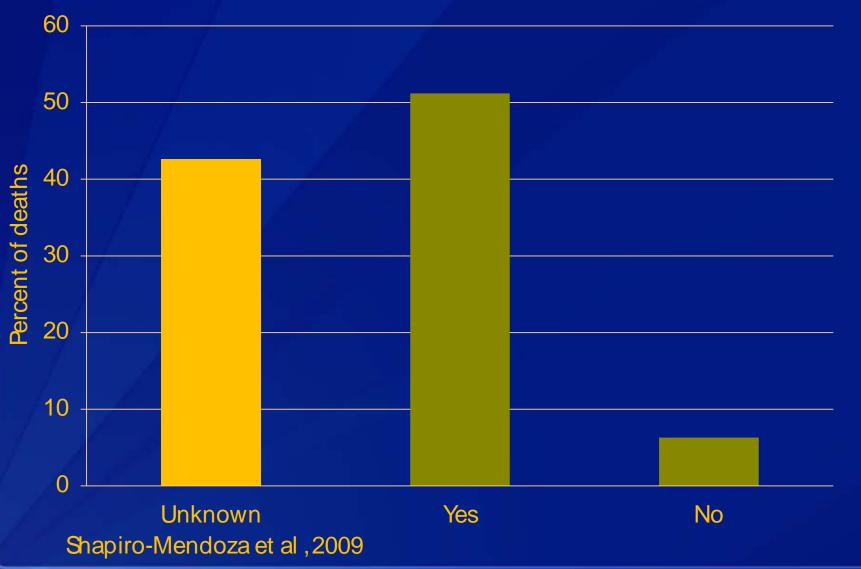


### Sleep surface or place where death occurred, US death certificates, 2003-2004



Shapiro-Mendoza et al, 2009

# Bedsharing or co-sleeping reported, US death certificates, 2003-2004



# What is needed?

- More comprehensive data to increase knowledge about:
  - Circumstances or factors that may have contributed to or caused the SUID case
    - Seep environment
    - Prior medical history
  - Quality of the death scene investigation or if one was even done

A SUID surveillance system that builds upon child death review may be the answer



# A new surveillance system to monitor trends in SIDS and other SUID CDC'S SUID CASE REGISTRY PILOT PROGRAM

# Justification for SUID Case Registry

Currently SUID surveillance is monitored using death certificate data

- Death certificate data are limited; do not describe circumstances and events surrounding death
- Need a more comprehensive data source to increase understanding of SUID-related factors
- CDC's SUID Case Registry collects data from scene investigations, autopsies, and other sources

# Main Objectives for the SUID Case Registry

- To create state-level surveillance systems that build upon Child Death Review activities
- To categorize SUID using standard definitions
- To monitor the incidence of different types of SUID
- To describe demographic and environmental factors for each type of SUID
- To inform prevention activities and potentially save lives

# Expected Outcomes and Impacts for the SUID Case Registry

Strengthen states' ability to identify, review, and enter data for all SUID case

- Improve the completeness and quality of SUID case investigations by promoting policy and practice changes
- Inform national, state and local policymakers and program planners
- Identify at-risk groups to target prevention programs
- Use as a potential source of cases for case-control study



# SUID Case Registry Model

# Builds upon current Child Death Review activities and protocols

- Uses pre-existing variables
- Integrates new and/or modified SUID-related variables into NCCDR Case Reporting System v2.2S
- Supports states in their efforts to review child death cases per state mandates
- Strengthens states' ability to identify, review, and enter data for all SUID cases

# Variables included in the SUID Case Registry

#### Individual variables

- Sleep environment
- Maternal health, including pregnancy complications and injury
- Infant health, including newborn screening

#### System variables

- Components of death scene investigation
- Tests and exams performed during autopsy

#### SUID Case Review Data Sources









SUIDIRF Law Enforcement reports Witness interviews Scene reenactment Scene photos

EMS reports Hospital reports Medical records Social service records Death Certificate ME/C report Autopsy report



SUID case review by multidisciplinary team

# SUI

# SUID Multidisciplinary Review Team

Medical Examiner/Coroner
Law Enforcement
Public Health
Emergency Services
Pediatrician or other Health Care Provider
Child Protective Services

# The SUID Case Registry is...



A process that must involve multidisciplinary team review

A qualitative and quantitative process

A tool for assessing and improving case investigations

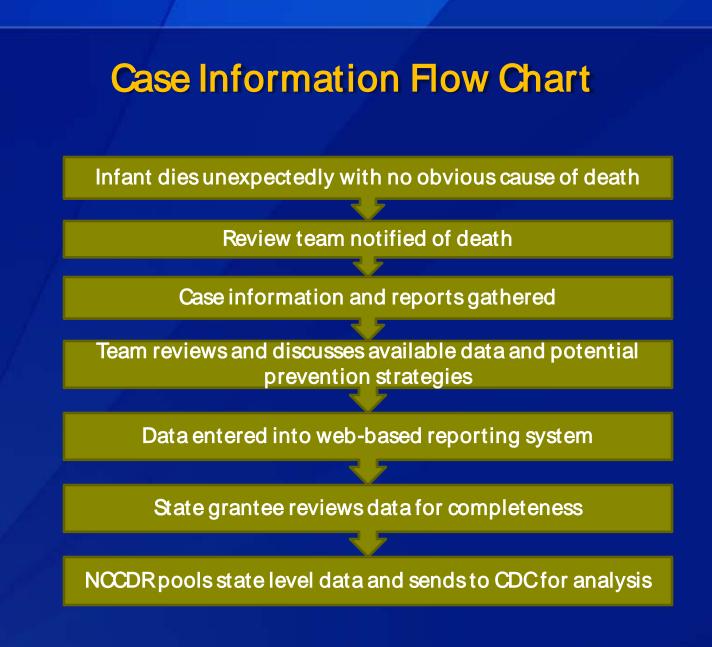
A vehicle for driving data to action

# The SUID Case Registry is NOT...

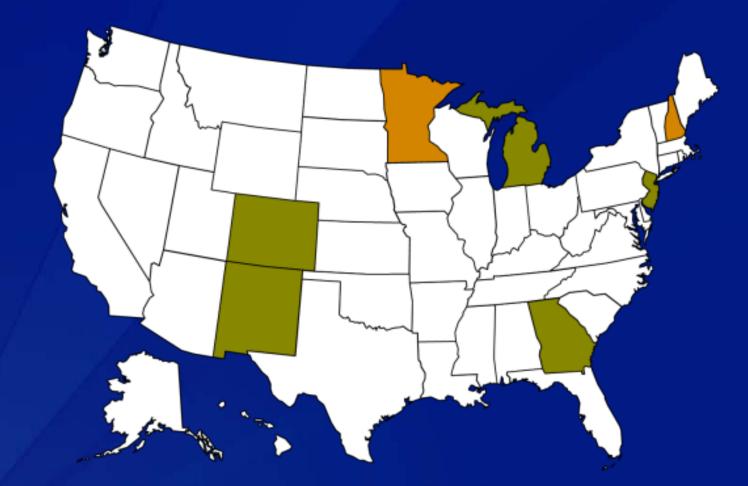


- A data linkage project
- A fill-in-the-blank exercise

An isolated process implemented without input from key partners such as child death review, medico-legal professionals and public health



# SUID Case Registry State Grantees



Note:

Green states: Colorado, Georgia, Michigan, New Jersey, New Mexico; funding began August 2009 Orange states: Minnesota, New Hampshire; funding began August 2010

# **First Year Progress**

#### Improved timeliness

- Receive monthly data files from Vital Statistics
- Fund staff in ME/C office

#### Improved death scene investigation reporting

- Pay for completed SUIDIRFs
- Train investigators to conduct doll reenactment and provide dolls

#### Increased access to autopsy information

- Create "summary sheets" for review teams
- Fund staff in ME/C office

#### Implemented quality assurance measures

- Ensure SUID Case Registry staff attend all review meetings
- Review each case for missing/unknown fields at state level

### Second Year Successes

- Improved completeness of data
- Launched revised Case Report
  - Improved documentation of deat h certificate information
  - Improved information on DS

Recognized importance of cleaning data at state-level

Created new variable for state staff only

Moved attention from data collection to impact of recommendations on local systems





\*States reporting: CO, GA, MI, NJ, NM

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### For more information: www.cdc.gov/sids

For more information please contact Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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What is CDR Telling Us about Infant Suffocation Deaths & What are States

Doing to Help Reduce Risks?

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Helping improve:
investigations and diagnosis
services to families
Helping to describe the
circumstances in infant sleep
related deaths.



# **Healthy People 2020**

- IVP-5: (Developmental) Increase the number of States and the District of Columbia where 90 percent of sudden and unexpected deaths to infants are reviewed by a child fatality review team.
- Baseline data from 2007: 4,211 SUID deaths in the US, 37 states reviewed 2,849 SUIDs or 68%.

H. OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES OF INCIDENT- ANSWER RELEVANT SECTIONS									
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	) Chair				0	Full	O On side		🔾 On side
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O Waterbed O	) U/K			-					
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	) Car seat				0	King			O u/k
O Bassinette O	) Stroller				0	Other, specify:			
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# **Preliminary CDR data**

(November 15, 2010, 28 states, 30,920 infant deaths)

Infant's airway was fully or partially obstructed when found

CDR Team Findings	Suffocation		SII	DS	Undetermined/ Unknown Cause		Total
Total Number of cases	16	.613 201		459		2273	
Soft bedding* was relevant to death	716	45%	152	76%	282	62%	1150
Sharing a sleep surface** was relevant to death	719	45%	31	16%	169	37%	919

\*Blanket or pillow or comforter or mattress or pillowtop mattress or waterbed or air mattress

or bumperpad or stuffed toy or clothing.

\*\* With adults, other children or animals



### Infant's Sleep Place

Incident Sleep place	Suffocation	SIDS	Undetermine d/ Unknown Cause	Total	
Total number of Cases	1613	201	459	2273	
Crib	135	55	63	253	
Bassinette	65	17	34	116	
Couch	259	12	63	334	
Adult Bed	810	90	228	1128	
Other	277	27	66	370	
Unknown	67	0	5	72	

~50%

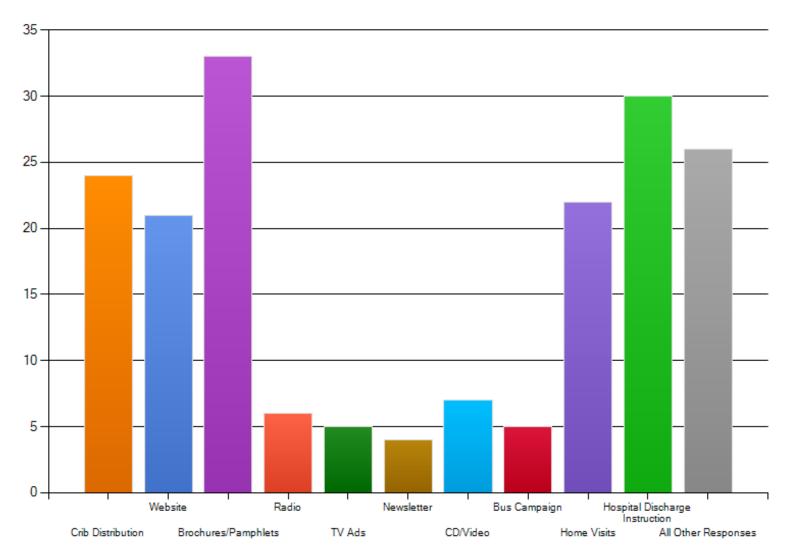


### So What are States Doing?



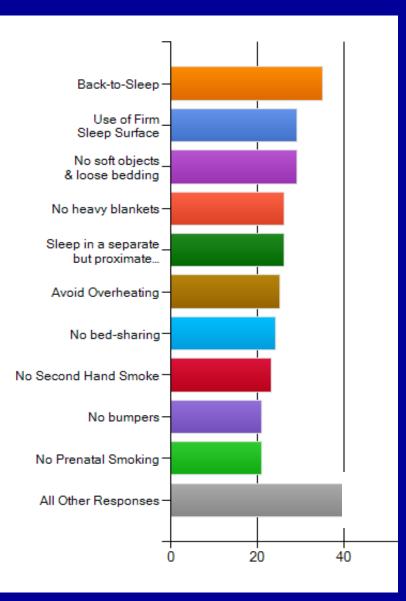
### 37 States with Safe Sleep Promotion Activities

What are these activities?



### **Differences in Messaging**

What AAP Message Do You Explicitly Include in Your State's Messaging? N=37





A Crib

A Mattress

A Baby Placed

\* A Tight-Fitting Sheet

No Toys
No Pillows
No Bumper Pads
No Quilts or Blankets
No Stomach or Side Sleeping

#### Why?

Because babies who sleep alone in a crib without bumper pads, blankets, toys, or pillows are LESS likely to die from SIDS.

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#### To learn more, call 1-800- 432-7437 (SIDS of Illinois) or visit www.sidslillinois.org

#### Safe Sleep Tips for Your Baby

 Your baby should always sleep on his or her back for naps and at night. The back sleep position is the safest. There is no increased risk of choking on vomit. Make sure anyone who takes care of your baby knows this.

Keep your baby's sleep area close to, but separate from, where you and others sleep. Your baby should not sleep in a bed or on a couch or chair with adults or other children. If you bring the baby to bed with you to breastfeed, return him or her to a separate sleep area - erib, bassinot or cradle.

 Place your baby on a firm sleep surface, such as on a safety-approved crib mattress covered by a fitted sheet. Never place your baby to sleep on a couch or on pillows, quilts, sheepskins or other soft surfaces.





 Keep soft objects, toys and loose bedding out of your baby's sleep area. Don't use pillows, blankets, quilts or pillow-like bumpers in a baby's sleep area, and keep soft items away from the baby's face.

 Never allow smoking around your baby. Don't smoke before or after the birth of your baby, and don't let others smoke around your baby.

 Never let your baby get overheated. Dress your baby in light sleep clothing and keep the room at a temperature that is comfortable for you. If needed, natural fiber blankets are best.

 Don't use products just because they claim to prevent SIDS. No baby monitor or other device can prevent SIDS. If you have questions about the use of monitors for other conditions, talk to your health care provider.



Be careful about breastfeeding in bed or in any situation where you may fall askep with your baby while breastfeeding. Never take prescription medicine, drugs, or alcohol that might make you drowsy or impair your judgment when breastfeeding and always put your baby back in his or her own crib or bassinte before you fall askep.

**REMEMBER** to share this information with everyone who cares for your baby including grandparents and other family members, friends and child care providers.









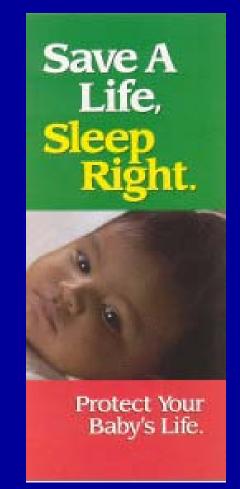
### **Lots of Target Populations**

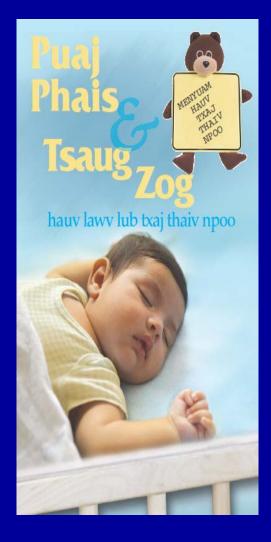
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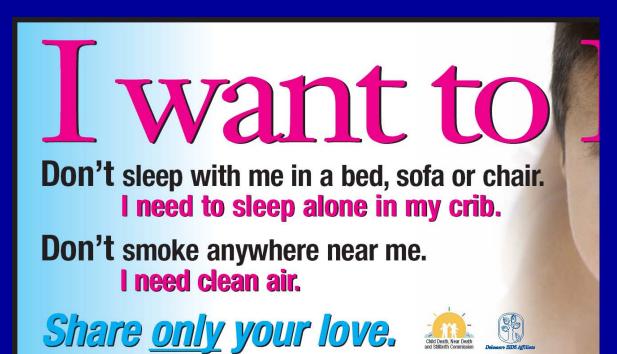
# Lead Agencies

Who is the lead agency in your state conducting activities related to safe infant sleep, SIDS and/or SUID risk redcuction. 25 20 15 10 5-0 Social Services Non-Profilt SIDS Organization Public Health Medical Other (please specify) Examiner/Coroner Office

Other: Multi-agency coalitiolns



### Lots of Partners



Delaware's Multi-Agency Mass Media effort



# **SIDS Center of New Jersey**



Institutionalizes Safe Sleep Messages and Policies by Working With:

- State Child Protection Services
- Primary Care Centers including Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Nursing staff in Newborn and Neonatal Intensive Care Units
- Maternal and Child Health Consortia
- Child care programs
- Education programs for pediatricians, family practitioners, trainees



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#### Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative

- Infant Mortality
   Home Page
- <u>MN Safe and</u>
   <u>Asleep Campaign</u>
- Order Infant
   Sleep Safety
   Educational
   Materials
- <u>Preconception</u> and <u>Interconception</u> <u>Health</u>
- <u>Resources</u>

#### <u>Maternal &</u> Child Health

#### More from MDH

- <u>Positive</u>
   <u>Alternatives</u>
- Postpartum
   Depression
   Education
   Materials
- <u>Shaken Baby</u> <u>Syndrome</u> <u>Prevention</u> <u>Materials</u>



Annually, 40 or more otherwise healthy Minnesota babies die of sleep-related unintentional injuries while sleeping in unsafe conditions such as in an adult bed or on a sofa with parents or older children. Babies become tangled in bedding, get stuck under pillows, or trapped between a sleeping adult and cushions of a sofa or regimer. Semetimes their own sleeping aparents roll over on them unintentionally, causing death

become tangled in bedding, get stuck under pillows, or trapped between a sleeping adult and cushions of a sofa or recliner. Sometimes their own sleeping parents roll over on them unintentionally, causing death from suffocation and chest compression.

Minnesota's Safe and Asleep in a Crib of Their Own Campaign was launched in July 2007, and continues as a partnership between the Maternal and Child Health Section of the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Sudden Infant Death Center of Children's Hospitals and Clinics. Additional partners include the Department of Human Services Child Mortality Review Panel, the Minnesota Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners, Twin Cities Healthy Start, the Cradle Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and local public health dep

View Document Safe and Asleep Campaign Press Release, July, 2007 (PDF: 53KB/2 page

View Document MN Coroners and Medical Examiners' letter to providers, July, 2007 (PDF

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that all infants sleep on their back approved crib and in a smoke-free environment to reduce the risk both of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIE preventable injury deaths.

#### Educational Materials

Download or order educational materials from the MDH Maternal and Child Health Section to safe infant sleep messages for parents and other caregivers. Other recommend materials can at <a href="http://www.nichd.nih.gov/publications/">http://www.nichd.nih.gov/publications/</a> including magnets and the general outreach door he which MDH no longer has available.

#### **Additional Educational Materials**

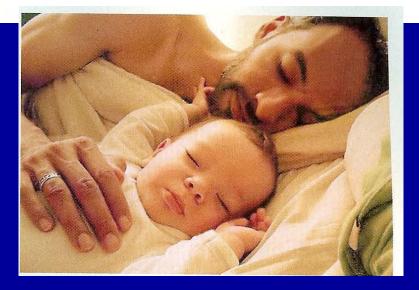
The educational materials below are also recommanded and available in the public domain and can be downly



### Messaging Can Be Inconsistent

# THE SOLACE OF THE family bed

A renowned doctor reassures parents that infant night waking is normal. And it's safe to sleep with your kids.



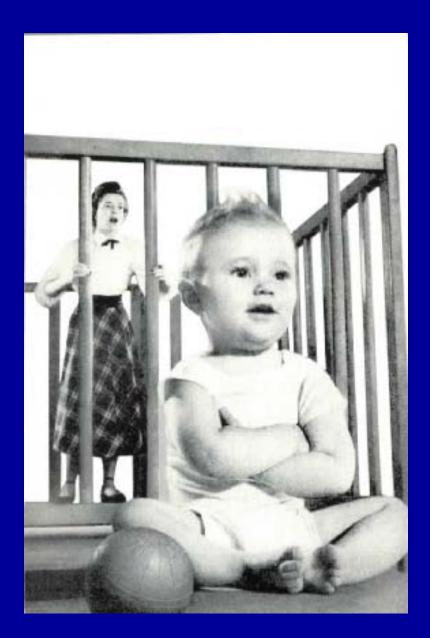


#### Tips for caregivers

Follow these recommendations to help reduce the risk of sudden infant death syndrome and prevent accidental deaths:

- Babies should sleep on their backs (not stomach or sides), whether sleeping day or night.
- Keep loose or fluffy bedding away from the infant and his/her sleep area, and use a firm, tight-fitting mattress.





# If Babies Could Talk



Safe Sleep: a State's Perspective of Linking MCH and Injury Prevention and SUID Case Registry

#### INFANT SUFFOCATION DEATHS IN THE SLEEP ENVIRONMENT WEBINAR

March 24, 2011



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### Colorado Child Fatality Prevention System

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□ Began in 1989 Legislatively mandated in 2005 45 member State Team Review deaths of all children under age 18 Understand the causes of child deaths Make recommendations for policy changes Currently reviewing 2008 deaths





## **Colorado SUID Case Registry**



- Case Identification: Death Certificates—2010 & 2011 deaths
- Data collection
  - Coroner Reports and Autopsies
  - Law Enforcement
  - Medical Records
  - Child Protective Services
- Case abstraction
- Multidisciplinary review of circumstances
- Identify factors that contributed to or caused death
- Identify prevention strategies

#### 2010 SUID Cases



- $\square$  2010 cases identified to date = 51
- Common Risk Factors
  - Bed-sharing
  - Soft-bedding
  - Unsafe sleep position

#### Prevention Recommendations

Systems
Death Scene Investigations
Autopsies
State Agencies
Policy and Legislation
Community Level
Education campaigns and programs



#### Investigation Recommendations

#### Use the SUIDI-RF for all child deaths

- Doll reenactment
- Training for lay coroners and hospital pathologists regarding the national recommendation for child deaths to be investigated by forensic pathologists
- Training for law enforcement regarding how to look for evidence of suffocation
- Take the actual temperature of the room, rather than make an estimated guess

#### **Autopsy Recommendations**



 Clarify the Nation Association of Medical Examiners "autopsy standards" to define what a "complete autopsy" means and what test should be run
 Educate coroners about filling out death certificates correctly, and about the danger of using the term SUDI

Toxicology screens for all infant deaths

#### **Prevention Recommendations**



- Safe sleep statewide campaign and educationmultilingual and multicultural
- Professional education for hospital nurses and home visitation nurses
- Professional education for social workers during new DHS Training Academy
- Safe sleep education during home assessments for child placement
- Start a Cribs for Kids Program
- Expand nurse home visitation programs to serve more families





#### El Paso/Teller County CFR Safe Sleep Campaign



Collaboration between the local CFR Team and two local hospitals

Training for health care providers and child care providers on safe sleep
 Co-messaging with abusing head trauma program
 Posters\_\_\_\_

Billboards

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Radio Spots

Education programs through churches

Local Health Fairs



#### **Reduce the Risk of SIDS**

For infants who are younger than 1 year old

#### Babies should sleep:

- Alone on their backs
- & Alone in a crib or bassinet
- In an approved crib with a firm mattress and a tight fitted sheet, NOT on soft surfaces like couches, chairs, bean bags or water beds
- Without soft objects such as pillows, blankets or soft toys in their cribs
- At a comfortable temperature, dressed appropriately so he/she doesn't get too hot
- 🛠 In a smoke free environment

To learn more about other safe sleep recommendations such as the use of pacifiers and tummy time, visit ElPasoCountyHealth.org

#### Mesa County CFR Safe Sleep Campaign



Does not use the term SIDS in campaign

Press releases

Flyers distributed to WIC, Nurse Family Partnership, and doctors offices

30 minute segment on government access channel featuring the coroner, law enforcement, and pediatricians

Letter sent to health care providers to encourage them to adopt a policy to discuss safe sleep with patients

#### What does a safe sleep environment look like?

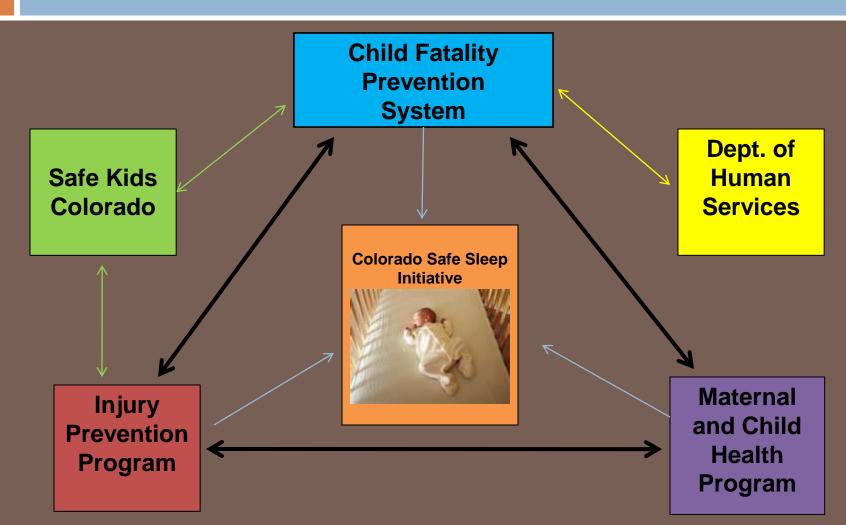


Print and Radio ads





### Linking MCH, IP, and CFPS



### Colorado Safe Sleep Initiative



- 85
- Collaboration with Safe Kids Colorado, based out of The Children's Hospital
- Interest in creating a unified statewide approach
- Safe Sleep Summit held in January 2011
  - Reviewed data from CFPS
  - Learned about local safe sleep programs
  - Round Table Discussions

### Safe Sleep Partners

- Child Fatality Prevention System Review Team
- State MCH program
- Home visitation programs
- Local health departments (esp. MCH and injury prevention programs)
- Public health nurses
- Hospitals
- Community birthing centers
- Physicians

- Prenatal Plus Programs
- State child care licensing program
- Child welfare programs
- □ WIC agencies
- Colorado Breast Feeding Coalition
- Local Safe Kids coalitions
- Coroners
  - County Attorney's Office

#### Challenges



Inconsistent messaging coming from the health department

- Some lactation specialists do not agree with AAP recommendations
- Crib distribution controversial because of liability issues
- Due to shift in diagnosis from SIDS to undetermined or ASSB, some are reluctant to use national resources that link SIDS with safe sleep
- Limited funding
- Program evaluation is difficult

#### Round Table Discussions



#### Messaging

AAP Guidelines

- Bed-Sharing
- Terminology (to use SIDS or not to use SIDS)
- Culturally specific messages

#### Community Strategies

Current opportunities/venues

#### Provider Strategies

- Child care
- Health care
- Social workers

#### Policy

- Training curricula (nurses, social workers)
- Hospital policies

### Safe Sleep Summit Outcomes



- 89
- Agreement that there is a need for a statewide Safe Sleep Initiative
- Agreement to use AAP Guidelines
- Commitment to participate

Vision Statement Draft: A coordinated, collaborative statewide message and strategy to reduce sleep-related deaths among Colorado infants.

#### **Next Steps**

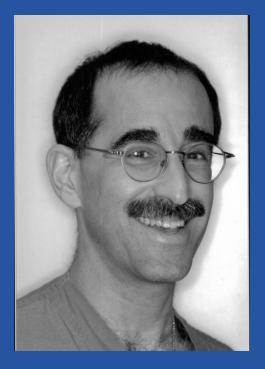
- Develop Statewide Safe Sleep Coalition
  - Initial Subcommittees
    - Data/Evaluation
    - Messaging
    - Funding
- Literature review on best practices
- Pilot hospital survey
- Develop consistent safe sleep messaging to be used by all partners
- Create statewide strategic plan to disseminate message
- Identify funding sources for implementation

#### Opportunities

- Data from SUID Case Registry Pilot will help develop stronger prevention recommendations
- Public/private partnership could be beneficial to fund prevention activities
- Funding through state MCH Program to help fund local level MCH programs work on safe sleep
- Partners around the state using the same language will making it easier for parents to understand safe sleep recommendations



#### WELLSPAN HEALTH



Creating a Hospital and Community Based Infant Safe Sleep Education and Awareness Program: The York Hospital Experience

Michael Goodstein, MD, FAAP

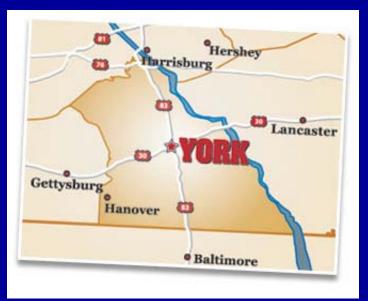




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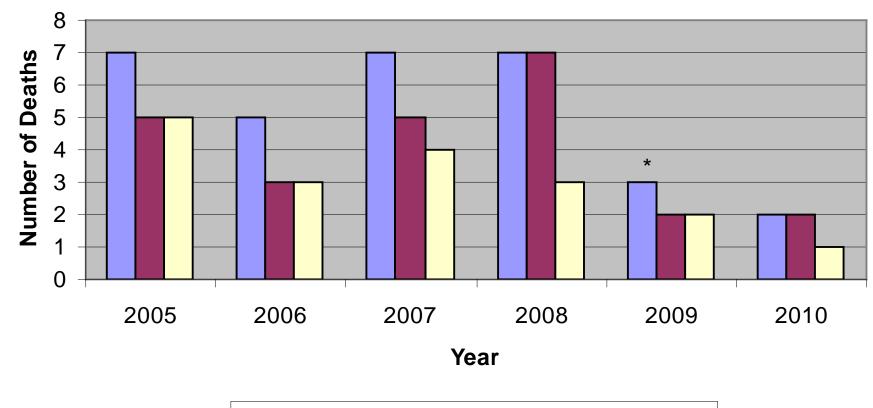
- Population base 425,000 (city 40,500)
- Inner city, suburban, and rural populations
- Almost 4,500 deliveries per year







## Infant Coroner Cases York Co. 2005-2010



■ total deaths ■ SUID □ Inappropriate sleep



## Infant Sleep Safety

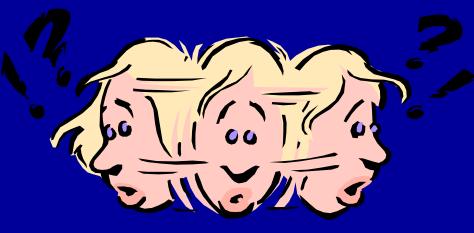
Requires a consistent and repetitive message in the community to prevent accidental deaths





## Advice on Infant Sleep Safety: Who Do You Listen to...

- Family and Friends
- Doctors, Nurses, Lactation Counselors
- Magazines, Newspapers, Internet
- Oprah, Dr. Phil, Dr. Spock, Dr. Sears
- Grandma!!!





## Why Develop a Hospital-Based Program?

- It is the only way to capture 100% of the birthing population for education
- It is the point of intersection for all the members of the health care team including obstetrician, pediatrician, nursing, and lactation counselor with family members
- Nurses are critical role models
- It is efficient and cost-effective



## Hospital-Based Infant Safe Sleep Program

- Goal: Reduce the risk of injury or death to infants while sleeping
  - Provide accurate and consistent infant safe sleep information to hospital personnel
  - Enable hospitals to implement and model infant safe sleep practices throughout the facility
  - Provide direction to health care professionals so parents receive consistent, repetitive safe sleep education



## A Model Program

- Replicate Shaken Baby Program (now called abusive head trauma)
- 50% reduction in shaken baby injuries reported by Dr. Dias (Peds April 2005)
- Program Components:
  - DVD presentation on infant sleep safety
  - Face-to-face review with nursing staff
  - Sign voluntary acknowledgement statement





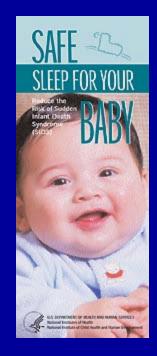
## Infant Safe Sleep DVDs

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# **Parent Education**

- Prior to discharge, all parents view the Safe Sleep DVD
- Nurse modeling of safe sleep environment
- Review of the "Safe Sleep for your Baby" pamphlet.
- Confirm there is a safe place for the baby to sleep. If not, social work referral to obtain a Pack 'N' Play.





### Voluntary Acknowledgment Statement

.... that I have received this information and understand that babies should sleep on the back, and that sleeping with my baby increases the risk of my baby dying from SIDS.

- An acknowledgement form <u>only</u>
- Focuses family on the importance of the information
- Not for legal purposes

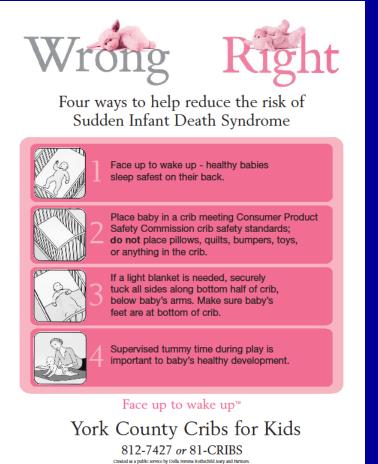


## Infant Safe Sleep Program: Supplemental Components

- Posters placed prominently in every labor, maternity, and pediatric room, offered to all OB, Peds, FP offices
- Sleep sacks available for purchase at discount at gift shop and lactation center
- Display nursery: Infant Sleep Safety Center
- Hospital phone service (on-hold message)



### Safe Sleep Posters



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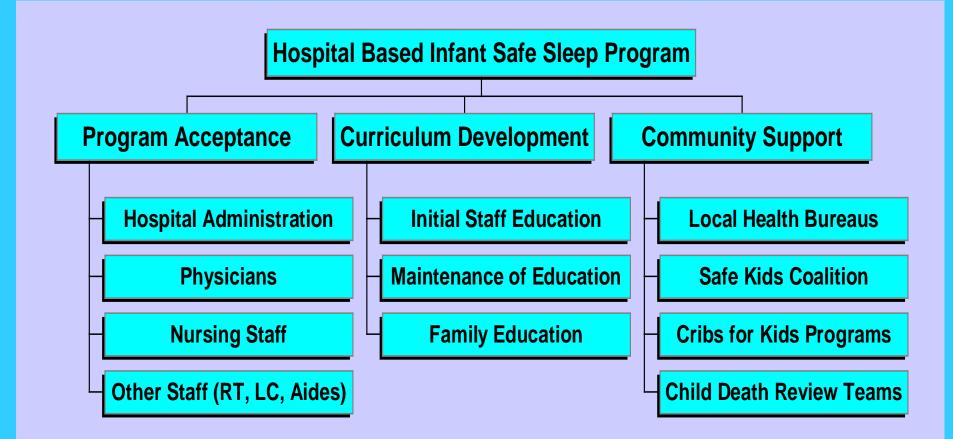
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#### Model Nursery/Infant Sleep Safety Center



## Organizational Chart for an Infant Sleep Safety Program





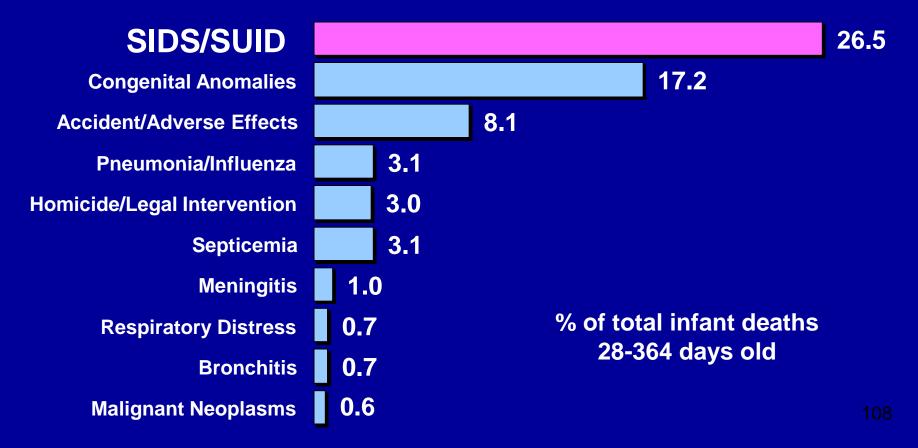
## **Presentation for Administration**

- Support from physicians already knowledgeable about SIDS/SUID
- Scope of problem: National and local statistics
- Logistics of program: A successful program model that has produced excellent public health results
- Cost-effectiveness



### Infant Mortality Statistics

#### **SIDS - United States 1999** The major cause of infant death after the first month

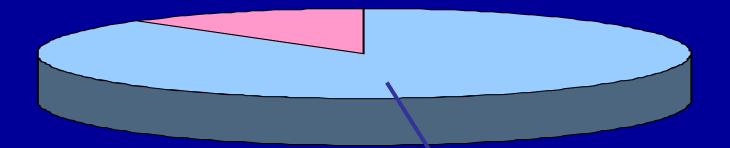


### Staff Acceptance "Buy-In"

- Pediatric and NBN nurses with knowledge about SUID make quick allies
- Resistance to "another program" is easily overcome by:
  - Concept of a program to reduce infant mortality locally
  - Use of statistics
  - Use of Evidence-Based Medicine

#### Allegheny County, PA Study of 88 SIDS Deaths, 1994-2000

11% (10 babies) Found in cribs or bassinets



89% (78 babies) Found in unsafe sleeping environments



# Nursing Buy-In

- Nurse Managers: NBN, ICN, L&D, Pediatrics, ED
- Discussions at staff organizational levels: multidisciplinary committees (neonatal care), nursing counsels (education, practice)
  - Nurse leaders: Support dissemination of program concept to general staff
  - Follow-up discussions at nurse staff meetings, reinforcement through e-mail

### Healthcare Provider Education

- Develop an infant sleep safety policy for the hospital:
  - Set the standard of care at the institution
  - Sample policies on the Allegheny County
     Dept of Health and First Candle websites
  - York Hospital policy modified the Allegheny sample and was merged with existing policy
  - Finalized through newborn and pediatric hospital committees



# **Hospital Nursing Education**

- In-service lectures vs. computer-based training
- Lecture compliance may be difficult if not mandatory...non-productive hours
- Computer-based easier to do, but teaching may be less effective
- Provided CME credits



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# **Hospital Nursing Education**

- Core group of volunteers to provide lectures
- Developed PowerPoint presentation and had practice sessions
  - Materials included: AAP SIDS policy statement, NIH materials, Cribs for Kids lecture materials
- Supplemental poster boards in clinical areas
- Mandatory viewing of Safe Sleep DVD
   Poinforce materials, know what parents will see
  - Reinforce materials, know what parents will see



# **Avoiding Potential Pitfalls**

- Focus on back vs. side sleeping and fear of aspiration
- Claims made against the program:
  - Anti-bonding
  - Anti-breastfeeding
- Focus on evidence-based medicine
   Eliminate emotion



## Maintenance of Education

- Safe sleep toolkit at nurses' stations (modified
  - from Allegheny county)
    - Hospital safe sleep policy
    - Review of appropriate practices
    - Discussion points to review with families
- Informational flip charts (scripted prompts, stats)
- Computer-based review course with test as part of yearly competencies



### Healthcare Provider Education: In the Community

- Went into local physician offices to lecture during staff meetings
  - Pediatric and obstetrical
    - OB office visits focused on prenatal educators
  - Provided posters and teaching materials
  - Discussed bad information in free magazines
- Family Practice Grand Rounds
- Emergency Department Education
- VNA
- Red Cross Educators
- Prenatal Class Educators



### **Anticipated Outcomes**

- Back to Sleep Campaign 50% reduction in SIDS (compliance 87%)
- Shaken Baby Program- 50% reduction in abusive head trauma injuries
- Some SUID experts estimate up to 90% of these deaths are related to suffocation
- Reasonable expectation of up to 50% reduction in SIDS/SUID events

# \$\$\$ Cost of Program \$\$\$

- DVD- Safe sleep for your baby right from the start- \$20
- Voluntary commitment statement paper supplies
- Safe sleep toolkit more paper supplies
- Safe sleep educational brochures free from NIH
- Computer-based training no charge
- Volunteerism to assist with in-services



#### Infant Safe Sleep Program Results

- 6 months baseline; 6 months intervention
- 2,725 healthy deliveries, 2,256 surveys
- Excellent knowledge base about sleep environment (94-99% supine, 99% crib)
- Knowledge does not equal intent (15% drop)



#### Infant Safe Sleep Program Results

- Improvement after program intervention
- Intention to follow through with:
  - Supine sleep position increased from 82% to 97% (p < .01)</li>
  - Crib or bassinette use increased from 81% to 92% (p < .01)</li>



### **Results of HCP Education**

- Understanding of the AAP guidelines increased from 75% to 99% (p < 0.01)</li>
- Agreement with all of the AAP guidelines increased from 88% to 94% (p = 0.049)
- Staff adequately trained about ISS increased from 43% to 99% (p < 0.01)</li>



### Conclusions

- A hospital-based community-wide Infant Sleep Safety program can be maintained successfully at minimal cost.
- To be successful:
  - Identify infant sleep safety champions
  - Build consensus
  - Effort, time, and passion

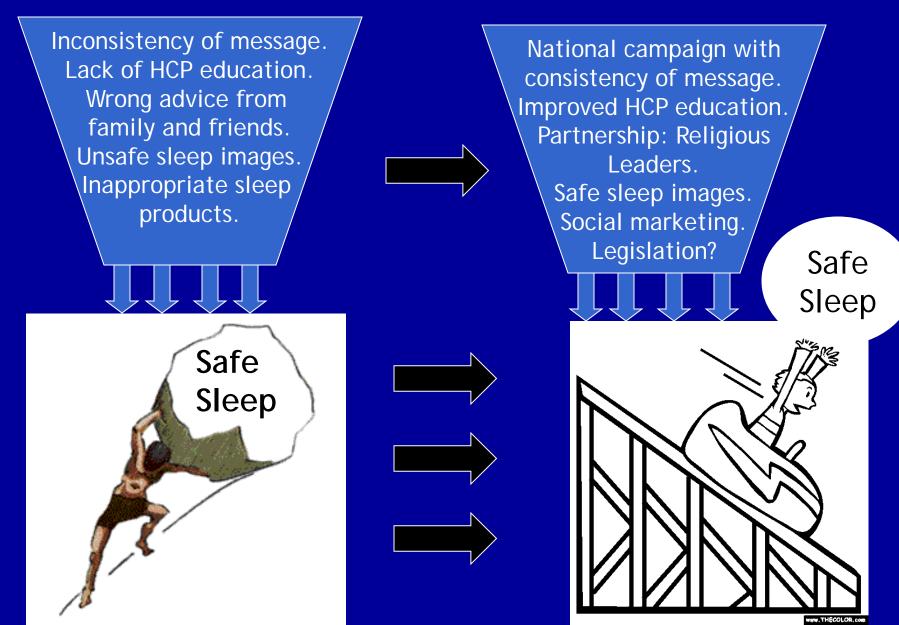


# **Program Replication**

- York Hospital
- Memorial Hospital
- Gettysburg Hospital
- Harrisburg Hospital (Pinnacle Health)
- Doylestown Hospital
- Hanover Hospital
- West Penn Hospital
- Forbes Hospital
- Sewickley Hospital

- Magee Women's Hospital
- Mercy Hospital
- St. Clair Hospital
- Franklin Square Hospital
- Williamsport Hospital
- \*Lancaster Women and Children's Hospital
- \*Heart of Lancaster Hospital
- \*Geisinger Health System
- \*Hershey Medical Center

### Achieving a Cultural Shift on ISS





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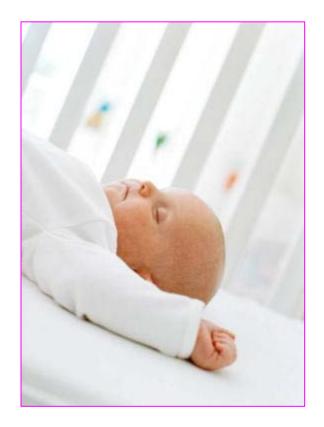
#### National Infant Safe Sleep Education and Crib Distribution Program



Judy Bannon, Executive Director/Founder www.cribsforkids.org



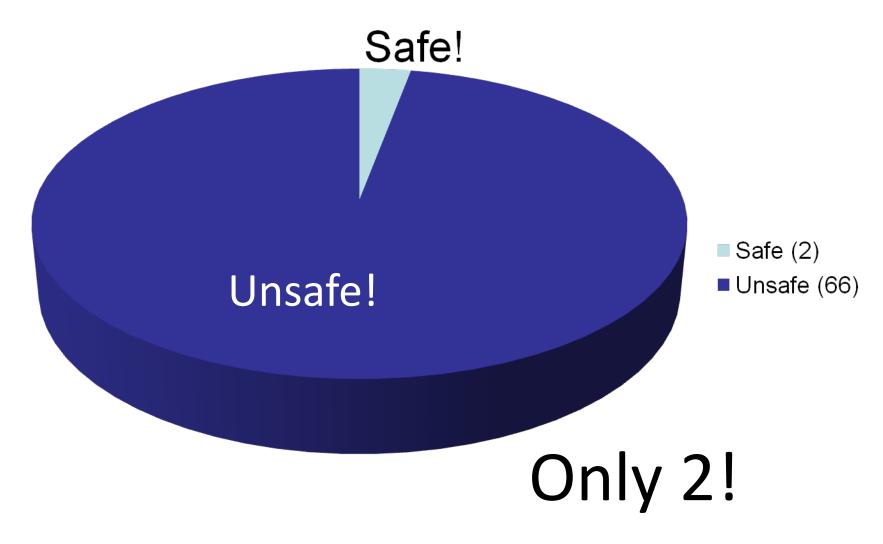
- Originated in Pittsburgh in Nov. 1998 through the combined efforts of District Attorney Stephen Zappala, Mayor Bob O'Connor, Cmdr. Gwen Elliott, and Judy Bannon (SIDS of PA)
- Steering committee consisting of public health, political and business leaders and child death review teams was formed



# Of the 68 infant deaths between 2001-06, how many babies were in an ideal sleeping space?

(on the back, in a safe crib, no cigarette smoke, no soft bedding)

Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, PA



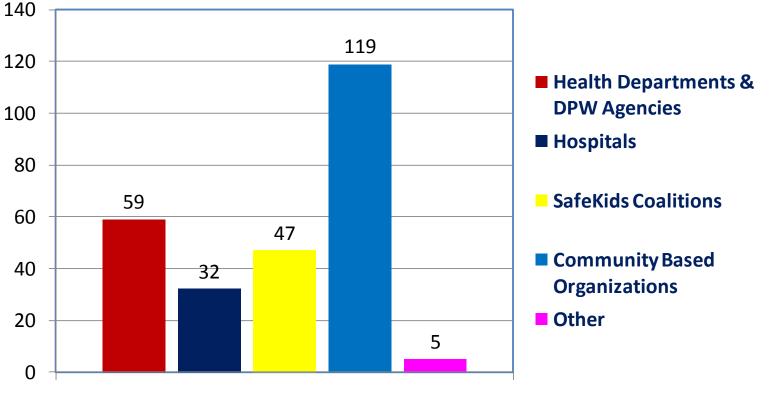


FACT!

#### The overwhelming majority of babies who die from SUID/SIDS are discovered in an unacceptable sleep position or sleep location!

The overwhelming majority of babies who continue to die from SUID/SIDS are African American babies!

### National Cribs for Kids<sub>®</sub> Partners



Number of Partners (262)

# **SIDS is NOT Suffocation**

Although SIDS is different from suffocation, all the measures we use for SIDS risk reduction, also help to prevent accidental deaths such as positional asphyxia, overlay, and entrapment.

# These deaths are 100% PREVENTABLE!



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#### Unsafe Sleep Environment







- Standardized materials
  - Safe-sleep brochures, posters, etc.
  - Training manuals
  - Standardized forms
  - Grant writing language
  - Current safe-sleep literature review
  - PowerPoint presentations
- National fundraising initiatives
- Crib distribution system
- Networking opportunities
- Ongoing support



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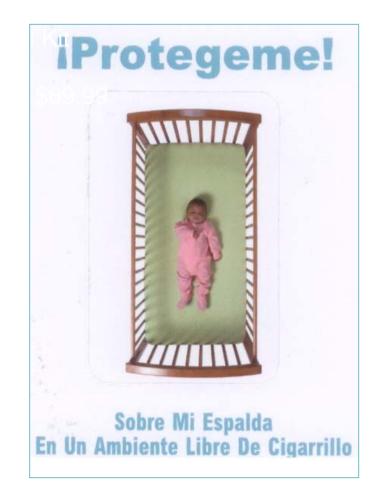
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### Or

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#### at is the safest way for a baby to sleep?

The safest way for your baby to sleep is on its back, alone in a crib. Babies have died because they were smothered by an adult another child, or objects in the adult bed such as pillows, comforters, soft bedding, or stuffed animals. Babies can get trapped between the bed and the wall or bed frame, or between the cushions on a sofa. Sometimes a baby is injured by rolling off as adult bed.

What if my babysitter wants to let my baby nap on a sofa or a cushioned chair? Even away from home, a baby should always sleep in a safety-approved crib. Some parents use a portable crib or Pack-n-Play for trips away from home.

#### I like the closeness of sleeping with my how can I do this safe

Cuddling with the baby during feeding time and waking hours best develops that closeness. At bedtime, room-sharing is great. With a baby-safe crib placed next to yours, the baby will sense your nearness and stil have a safe place to sleep.





#### Every year, some infants die while sleeping.

Keep your sleeping baby safe.

#### Guidelines for Parents and Caregivers...

- The safest way for your baby to sleep is on its back, alone in a crib.
- The baby's crib should be in the parents' room, if possible. If should have a firm mattress that is closely titted to the sides of the crib, and
- a tight-fitting sheet. Don't over-dress or over-bundle the baby. One light cover, tucked at the bottom and sides of the arib should be enough. Allow no covers near the baby's head. Use no pillow, bumpers, or toys.
- Never let a baby fall asleep in a bed or chair with another person.
- A baby should sleep in a smoke-free home.
- Breastfeeding has important health benefits for babies, but do it safely. When breastfeeding, make sure you are in a position that will allow you to stay awake. When finished, return the baby to the crib.



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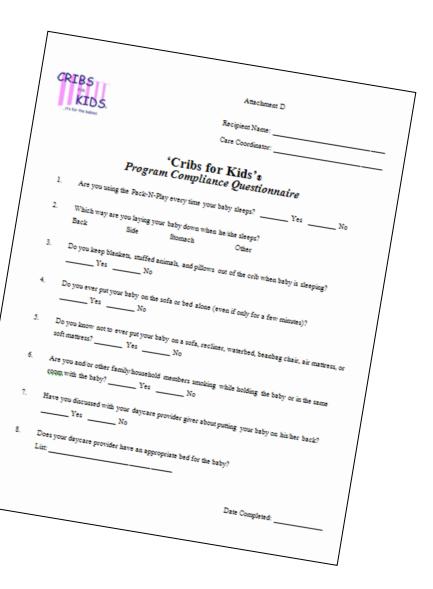


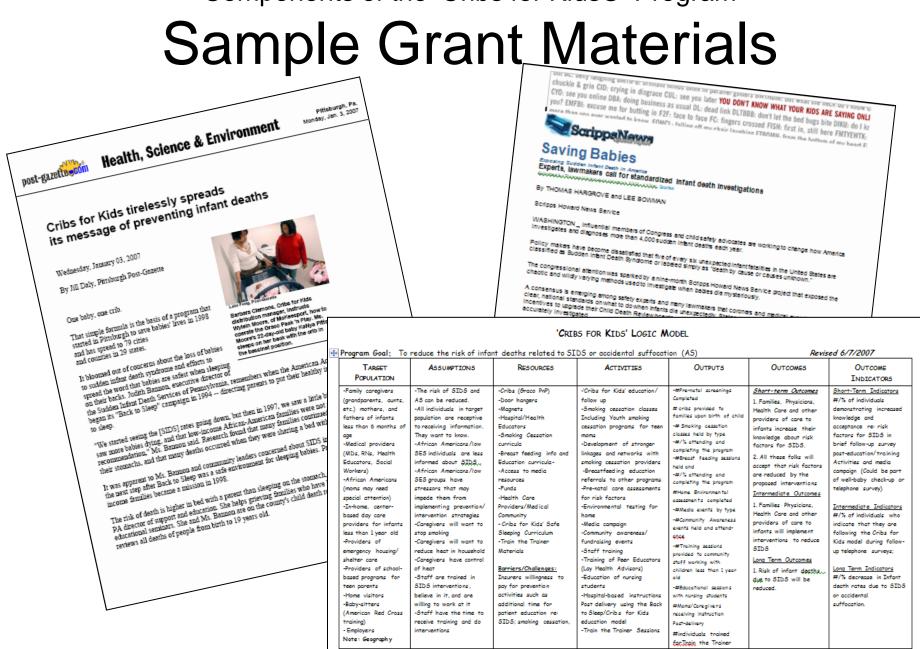
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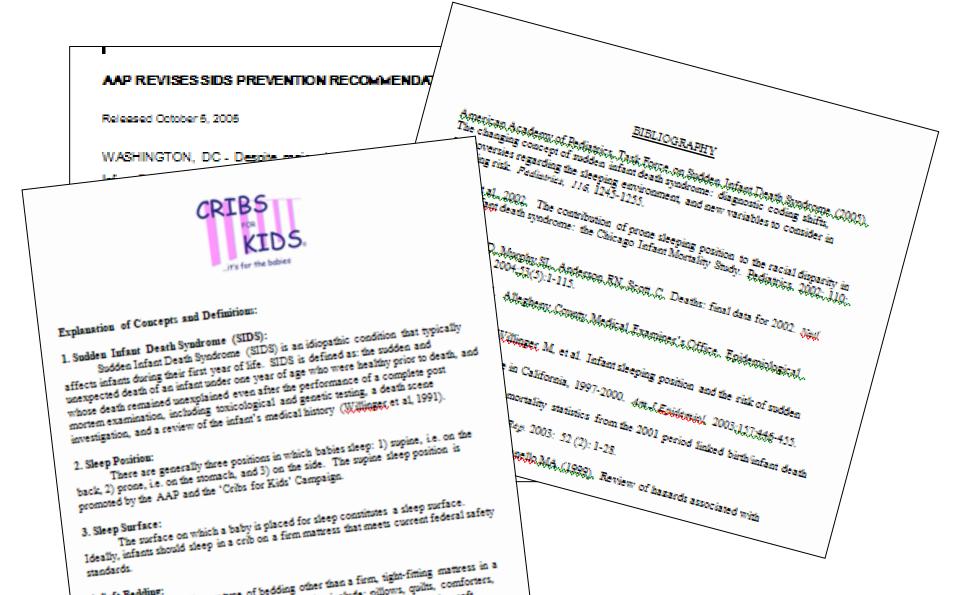
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# **Sample Grant Materials**



Components of the 'Cribs for Kids®' Program -- Standardized Forms

# Hold Harmless Agreement

Cribs for Kids's Hold Harmless Agreement In exchange for the grant of a "Pack-N-Play" portable baby crib, receipt of which Is hereby acknowledged, I,, agree to Indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Cribs for Kids program, as well as officers, agents and employees of the above from all claims or losses accruing or resulting to any person, firm, or corporation who may claim to be injured or damaged as a result of acts or omissions involving the placement and/or use of the portable cribs provided within this "Cribs for Kids" program.  Signed: Date:	CRIBS FOR KIDS.	Attachment C
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# Safe-Sleep Checklist

vame of Applicant:	Relationship to Mother	Date	
Name of Mother (Last name, first name)		er's Birth Date_	
Infant's Name (Last name, first name)	Birth	Date	
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Educate how to set up crib and use each section – emph	-		
No sofas, recliners, waterbeds, bean bags, air mattresses			
How to place infants in cribs (on their backs) and SIDS			
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Adult beds can be dangerous because – roll off. trapped.	blankets, adult/child can roll over infant		
Explanation of SIDS - leading cause of death among ini			
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No smoking around infant or in infant's environment			
Bed-sharing – hazards involved			
Childcare away from home requires same precautions as	at home – check it out!		

# How to Order a Safe-Sleep Environment

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Mandated Legislation (language and guidance)

Pennsylvania Act 73 of 2010 SIDS Education and Prevention Program Signed into law on October 19, 2010 by Governor Edward Rendell of Pennsylvania, providing for education of parents relating to SIDS and unexpected deaths in infancy, taking effect on December 16, 2010.

# Networking & Ongoing Support

- Semi-Annual conference
- 24-Hour Hotline
- Experienced staff at national office answers questions & provides guidance
- Fundraising Advice
- Easy ordering of Safe Sleep Survival Kits



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### Infant Suffocation Deaths in the Sleep Environment

Webinar, September 8, 2011

# Answers to Participant Questions





# 1. How do maternal fatigue and illiteracy figure in to the effectiveness of hospital discharge instructions?

Dr. Goodstein: Those are two great questions. In regards to maternal fatigue, it is true that when we are tired with physical, emotional, or mental exhaustion, the ability to learn new materials will certainly be compromised. However, as I mentioned early in my talk, the hospital education is only one part of a continuum of safe sleep education that should start at least during prenatal care, if not earlier, continue through the hospital stay, and be further reinforced at the doctor's office during the first year of life (especially around the 2 month visit when risk of SIDS will be reaching its peak). So ideally, when the family receives education in the hospital, it shouldn't be a "new concept," but a reinforcement of something they have already been exposed to. Also, whenever we get something new and exciting, we are generally eager and curious and are motivated to learn proper cares. The first time that new family provides cares for their infant is a "teachable moment." By both appropriate modeling and direct hands-on education we have the unique opportunity to "get it right the first time" and not have to re-educate after bad habits have already set in.

Answer continued: As for the issue of illiteracy... that is the beauty of having the family watch the DVD. They will learn all about infant sleep safety just by watching the vignettes and listening to the conversation. Even if they can't read the take home points that come up on the screen, the pediatrician repeats the key points verbally. We also have a flip chart full of easy to understand pictures that can be used for one-on-one education as needed. Also, I would encourage the use of "teach back" technique to insure health literacy on the topic of sleep safety. After watching the video, the nurse can check in on the family and strike up a conversation about the video..."How did you like the video? That's great. So tell me in your own words, what did you get out of watching it? What does infant sleep safety mean to you?"

2. Will someone be addressing the issue of receiving blanket swaddling compared to sleep sack?

Dr. Goodstein: Used properly, thin receiving blankets and wearable blankets/sacks with the swaddle feature are acceptable alternatives for swaddling a baby. But I will repeat what I answered in one of the other questions: **There should never be any loose bedding such as quilts or <u>blankets</u> in the infant's <b>sleep area.** The problem with using a blanket to swaddle is that it can become loose bedding if the child is able to wiggle or kick free from it. That is why many of us prefer sleepers or sacks- it eliminates the need for blankets. 3. Some of the webinar slides say that there should not be any blankets in the crib and some say that a light blanket is OK. Which is correct?

Dr. Goodstein: It does seem a bit confusing, but the answer is that both can be correct. It is acceptable to have one light blanket covering the baby, as long as it is properly tucked into the mattress and is no higher than the baby's chest. There should never be any loose bedding such as quilts or blankets in the infant's sleep area. The problem with using a tucked in blanket is that it can become loose bedding if the child is able to wiggle or kick free from it. That is why many of us prefer sleepers or sacks- it eliminates the need for blankets. The sacks with the swaddling feature are especially useful for the fussy infant.

### 4. When is the AAP new policy expected?

Dr. Goodstein: The new policy statement and technical report will come out in the November issue of Pediatrics. There will be a pre-release press conference at the AAP national meeting on October 17. 5. In the acknowledgement statement that parents sign at York Hospital, did you consider using the term suffocation rather than SIDS? For instance, "sleeping with my baby increases the risk of my baby dying from suffocation" rather than SIDS.

Dr. Goodstein: That is a great question. Whether or not more of the deaths are true suffocations or diagnostic coding shift, the facts remain that: 1) in the vast majority of deaths, the baby is found in an unsafe sleep environment, and 2) some people have difficulty with understanding SIDS, but can much more easily grasp the concept of suffocation. Because of this, we modified our acknowledgement statement recently to take this into account (I didn't include this in the presentation because the research was based on the old statement). The statement is now at a lower reading level and is much more specific. It reads as follows:

Parent: I have received information about Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. By signing this statement I agree that I have received this information and understand that:

- my baby should sleep on the back; sleeping on the side or tummy is dangerous.
- sleeping with my baby increases the risk of my baby dying from suffocation or SIDS.

### 6. How does the Safe Sleep policy integrate with Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative guidelines?

Dr. Goodstein: I believe that the 2 programs are very complementary. The AAP Policy on SIDS Risk Reduction strongly supports the idea that babies should be exclusively breast fed during the first 6 months of life and that mothers should continue providing breast milk through the first year of life. In addition to all the known benefits of breastfeeding, 2 recent studies demonstrate very strong evidence that providing breast milk significantly reduces the risk of SIDS (both studies by Vennemann). There is nothing contradictory between our safe sleep policy and the baby-friendly initiative guidelines. The recommendation for offering a pacifier at sleep times does not start until at least 3 to 4 weeks after birth, when breastfeeding has already been well-established.

The only recent concern that I think providers should be aware of involves the baby friendly guideline of skin to skin contact in the first hour of life. This is fine as long as the mother isn't sleeping or impaired. There have been multiple case report studies that have come out in the past year reporting babies being asphyxiated and either dying or surviving with brain damage secondary to a mother falling asleep and smothering her baby during skin to skin contact in the first hours of life in the hospital! In all the cases, the mother was left unattended after the delivery and didn't realize what she had done. Having appropriate staffing and observation is key to preventing such tragedies. And if we are going to do appropriate modeling of safe sleep, then parents must be aware from the start of the dangers of bedsharing. This month in the Journal of Pediatrics there is a meta-analysis of 11 studies by Drs. Moon, Hauck, and Vennemann showing a clear danger of bedsharing, with the risk being greatest in the first 3 months of life. I think that when safe sleep initially became more of an issue, there was some head-butting between providers focused on breast feeding issues and those focused on safe sleep. However, I think that this has become less of an issue as we have come to realize that we all have the same goal- to see babies growing up healthy and safe, under optimum conditions for them to thrive and reach their full potential as individuals. Successful breastfeeding can be achieved in proximate, but separate environments. Breastfeeding and safe sleep really do go hand-inhand.

7. Dr Goodstein, you mention "evidence-based" in getting buy-in for the hospital intervention program. Are you aware of any studies demonstrating the effectiveness of specific interventions with families related to Safe Sleep?

Dr. Goodstein: Absolutely. There are a few studies that have demonstrated significant improvement in a family's understanding of safe sleep recommendations and consistent use of this information. Studies include the following: 1) Moon RY, Oden RP, Grady KC. Back to sleep: an educational intervention with Women, Infants, and Children Program clients. Pediatrics. 113(3); pp 542-547. 2004; 2) Rasinski KA, Kuby A, Bzdusek SA, Silvestri JM, Weese-Mayer DE. Effect of a sudden infant death syndrome risk reduction education program on risk factor compliance and information sources in primarily black urban communities. Pediatrics 2003;111;e347-e354; 3) Srivasta S, Eden, AN, Mir MA. Infant sleep position and SIDS: A hospital-based interventional study. Journal of Urban Health: Bulletin of the New York Academy of Medicine. 1999;75(3);314-321; 4) Colson ER, Rybin D, Smith LA, Colton T, Lister G, Corwin MJ. Trends and factors associated with infant sleeping position: The national infant sleep position study 1993-2007. Arch Pediatr Adolesc Med. 2009;163(12); pp 1122-1128.

All of these studies demonstrate that our educational interventions can have a direct positive effect on how families decide to care for their babies in the home. We can be further reassured that public education does have an impact, by looking at the back to sleep campaigns in multiple countries that have demonstrated a consistent decrease in SIDS deaths (in the US, 53%).

8. In the section presented by Michael Goodstein, the slide that displayed the proper way to set up a nursery showed large blue posters. Is it possible to request those posters? If so, are they offered in any other languages?

Dr. Goodstein: I have received permission from my hospital to make the posters available to anybody who would like to make use of them. I can be contacted directly to obtain the files. The posters are not available in other languages. 9. I have another question, and don't know if this issue was covered in the remainder of the webinar. My baby liked to be rocked to sleep. We spent many hours holding her for sleep. Is rocking a baby to sleep not encouraged?

Dr. Goodstein: In terms of a safety issue, there is no problem with rocking a baby to sleep. If a device such as a sling is being used, it is important to make sure the baby's face is turned out away from the fabric to avoid potential suffocation. In terms of sleep issues and developing routines, most experts would not encourage rocking babies to sleep. Babies will develop sleep habits based on the routine they are exposed to for sleep times. If they do not learn how to fall asleep, self-sooth, etc, you could be left with a routine that is hard to break out of. But this is more an issue of parenting style.

10. Does AAP endorse sleep sacks over receivingblankets? Is there evidence out yet about this issue.?I'd like to pitch the Sleep Sack program that Halo offers,but will need to be armed with scientific data andresearch.

Dr. Goodstein: Long story short is that we do not endorse products per se. See Question 2 regarding sleep sacks.

#### 11. Are drop down cribs no longer safe/acceptable?

Dr. Goodstein: That is correct. As of June 28, 2011, drop rail cribs may no longer be sold, whether new or used. Some of the manufacturers made fixation devices to attach to the crib to eliminate their ability to drop. But there are other changes in the standards including more durable hardware and reinforced supports. The Consumer Product Safety Commission new release can be read at:

http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml11/11260.html.

Motels and day cares may legally continue to use their current cribs (I believe until the end of 2012) because CPSC is giving them additional time to replace existing stock. This regulation does not apply to hospitals because their cribs fall under medical devices, are made differently, and are routinely checked by biomed engineers.

### 12. Isn't the baby's head supposed to be uncovered? Not just the face?

Dr. Goodstein: That is correct. Nothing should be covering the head or face due to concerns about possible obstruction of the airway leading to suffocation. The only exception would be in the first days of life in the hospital when a cap may be used to decrease heat loss and stabilize the baby's temperature.

# 13. Can we get a copy of the Safe Sleep DVD that the speakers are talking about?

Ms. Bannon: Yes, you can order the DVD on our Cribs for Kids website: http://cribsforkids.org/wpcontent/uploads/2011/08/Product-Order-Form.pdf - but we encourage you to become a Cribs for Kids partner. There is no charge to become a partner and you can take advantage of all of our materials, listserv, etc.

#### 14. Can we get a free copy of those dvds?

Ms. Bannon: No, unfortunately we cannot afford to give out the Safe Sleep DVDs for free. But you can order one on our website: http://cribsforkids.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Product-Order-Form.pdf.

# 15. How can I go about getting a safe sleep sack? What a great idea.

Ms. Bannon: You can order Halo Sleep Sacks on our Cribs for Kids website: http://cribsforkids.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Product-Order-Form.pdf - but we encourage you to become a Cribs for Kids partner. There is no charge to become a partner and you can take advantage of all of our materials, listserv, etc.

Dr. Goodstein: There are a number of different brands of sacks or blanket sleepers that can be purchased in major dept stores or on-line. Halo sleep sack company works with hospitals to provide them with free sacks to be used in the hospital only, if you establish a safe sleep program. They also work with hospitals to purchase the sacks at great discount to give to families at hospital discharge. They also work with hospital gift shops to sell them at some discount compared to the department stores. The link for more information on these programs is: https://www.halosleep.com/hospitals/in\_hospital\_program/. They will

give you some free samples to try out.

16. Do you "advertise" on social networking sites?

Ms. Bannon: Cribs for Kids is on Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/?ref=hp#!/CribsforKidsHeadquarters.

#### 17. Can anyone buy those crib sheets?

Ms. Bannon: Yes, you can order the sheets on our Cribs for Kids website: http://cribsforkids.org/wpcontent/uploads/2011/08/Product-Order-Form.pdf - but we encourage you to become a Cribs for Kids partner. There is no charge to become a partner and you can take advantage of all of our materials, listserv, etc. 18. Where can I find the new Policy change that was signed into law by Governor Rendell referred to in the webinar?

Ms. Bannon: This is a link to Pennsylvania Act 73 of 2010: http://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/Legis/PN/Public/btCheck.c fm?txtType=HTM&sessYr=2009&sessInd=0&billBody=H&billTyp= B&billNbr=0047&pn=3776 19. Let us know where we can get printed information to distribute at County Fairs.

Ms. Bannon: The National Institutes of Health offer free brochures, door hangers, and other materials. Go to: http://www.nichd.nih.gov/publications/pubskey.cfm?from=sids 20. Are we permitted to use some of Terri Covington's slides in our community presentations?

Ms. Covington: Yes. You will have to create them from the PDF available on the websites.

# 21. Please also send the central coordinator's contact info. Thanks.

Ms. Covington: The National Center for the Review and Prevention of Child Deaths can be reached at 800-656-2434, www.childdeathreview.org, or at info@childdeathreview.org 22. Can we clarify exactly what age range we are talking about when we say infant?

Ms. Covington: We define infant for this purpose as a child up to 365 days old.

23. What are names of the states that participate in the CDR reporting system ? I'm curious about Idaho.

Ms. Covington: 39 states participate in the National CDR Reporting System: AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, IN, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NE, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, WA, WI, WV, and WY.

### 24. Doesn't each state have a child death review team?

Ms. Covington: Every state but Idaho has a state child death review team. Thirty-seven states also have local teams (such as county or regional teams). There are over 1,250 teams nationwide.

# 25. Are credit hours or a certificate of attendance being given for this webinar?

Ms. Covington: No, we're sorry, but we aren't giving out certificates or credits.

## 26. Could you please tell me if you will be archiving this webinar for viewing at a later date?

Ms. Covington: Yes, the Webinar is archived at the websites of the National Center for the Review and Prevention of Child Deaths (www.childdeathreview.org), the Children's Safety Network (www.childrenssafetynetwork.org), and Cribs for Kids (www.cribsforkids.org). 27. What is the difference between Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and Sudden Unexplained Infant Death (SUID)?

### What does SUID mean?

Ms. Camperlengo and Dr. Shapiro-Mendoza: In the presentation, Dr. Shapiro-Mendoza defined SUID as the sudden and unexpected death of an infant whose cause of death was not obvious prior to medical investigation. Following a thorough case investigation, the cause of death may be explained (e.g., suffocation, infections, accidental, or intentional trauma) or remain unexplained (e.g., SIDS).

SIDS was defined by a workgroup in 1991 as—

"...sudden death of an infant under one year of age that remains unexplained after a thorough case investigation, including performing a complete autopsy, examining the death scene, and reviewing the clinical history." (Willinger, James, Catz, 1991)

At CDC, we consider SIDS as a subcategory of SUID. Others may define SIDS and SUID differently.

### 28. Why would suffocation be classified as unexplained?

Ms. Camperlengo and Dr. Shapiro-Mendoza: Suffocation is an explained cause of death. However, suffocation cannot be explained by autopsy alone. To identify suffocation as the cause of death, the medical examiner, coroner, or forensic pathologist must rely on comprehensive information collected from the death scene especially about sleep place and position, soft bedding or pillows on the sleep surface, and nose and mouth obstruction.

### 29. Can a suffocation death really be proven?

Ms. Camperlengo and Dr. Shapiro-Mendoza: Suffocation deaths cannot be proven definitively by autopsy alone. Comprehensive death scene investigation including witness interviews and information about airway obstruction can assist the medical examiners, coroners, and forensic pathologists in determining suffocation as the cause of death. 30. If an infant is found bedsharing at the time of death, should it be assumed that this is an accidental overlay, or would this be a SUID associated with bed sharing?

Ms. Camperlengo and Dr. Shapiro-Mendoza: Bed sharing is a risk factor for SIDS and also can be associated with accidental smothering. The medical examiner, coroner, and forensic pathologist must weigh evidence collected at the infant death scene and during autopsy to make a cause-of-death determination.

## 31. Can you clarify the difference between a SIDS diagnosis and an unknown cause diagnosis ?

Ms. Camperlengo and Dr. Shapiro-Mendoza: In the United States, deaths are assigned an International Classification of Diseases (ICD) code based on information recorded on the death certificate. These codes are helpful for monitoring mortality rates. According to current coding rules, SIDS deaths are assigned the code R95. Deaths due to ill-defined and unspecified causes of mortality, including unknown causes, are assigned the code R99.

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If a SUID case is missing a thorough case investigation, the death certifier may classify the death as unknown or undetermined cause.

32. Because more than 60% of babies are now breastfed, do any of the SUID teams specifically include lactation professionals?

Ms. Camperlengo and Dr. Shapiro-Mendoza: In reviewing SUID cases, we encourage different disciplines to attend the child death review. Often times WIC and home visitors are present and can provide a rich background on infant feeding practices. 33. Is there or will there be a movement on the national level to move away from the term SIDS and focus more on Suffocation/Accidental Suffocation and Strangulation in Bed (ASSB)? I see in the data analysis that deaths were used as SIDS, but were in unsafe sleep environments; therefore, should not have been labeled SIDS. The data gets really skewed.

SIDS and accidental suffocation are distinct causes of death, but a challenge to differentiate from one another even with a thorough case investigation. A suffocation death is when the infant dies as the result of a mechanical asphyxiation or when the airway is obstructed.

#### At CDC, we define SIDS as the—

"...sudden death of an infant under one year of age that remains unexplained after a thorough case investigation, including performing a complete autopsy, examining the death scene, and reviewing the clinical history." (Willinger, James, Catz, 1991). Both SIDS and accidental suffocation deaths can occur in an unsafe sleep environment. A thorough case investigation may provide evidence to distinguish SIDS from suffocation.

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