Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Awareness Month

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Overview

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Task

• Influence social norms around safe infant sleep by making images of safe sleep environments more prevalent on social media.

• Encourage and engage in conversations about safe infant sleep and share evidence-based, real-world advice on how to keep babies safe while they sleep.
Goals

• Increase activity reach to caregivers, with a special focus on dads and grandparents.
• Increase user-generated content and encourage the creation of new and creative content across additional channels.
• Support capacity building among key safe sleep influencers.
• Encourage collaboration and knowledge sharing about safe infant sleep among influencers.
• Increase the number of people participating in SIDS Awareness Month activities.
Weekly Themes

• **Week 1 (Oct. 3):** Always place baby on their back to sleep to reduce the risk of SIDS.

• **Week 2 (Oct. 10):** Use a firm and flat mattress in a safety-approved crib, free of soft and loose bedding, such as bumpers, stuffed animals, and blankets.

• **Week 3 (Oct. 17):** Share your room with baby. Keep baby close to your bed but on a separate surface—for example, in their own crib or bassinet.

• **Week 4 (Oct. 24):** Breastfeed to reduce the risk of SIDS.
SIDS Awareness Month Digital Toolkit

• How to Do a #SafeSleepSnap Activity
  ▪ Before-You-Post Checklists

• Example Social Media Posts
  ▪ Audience Specific Messages: Parents and Grandparents

• Weekly Message Themes

• Flyer, Photo Frame, and Photo Gallery

• How to Address Unsafe Sleep Images

• Resources from Our Partners
“Change comes from listening, learning, caring, and conversation.”

—Gwen Ifill
What we have heard:

• No matter what they are told by a doctor, moms believe the safest place for a baby is in bed.

• Dads want to be involved, but they are unsure how to do it.

• Grandma is not who we envision.

• COVID-19 has highlighted the disparity in access to care and education.

• Families don’t receive enough information or often enough.
Ask questions first, not later.

• Meet families where they are.

• Ask the right questions:
  
  ▪ “Where will your baby sleep?” vs. “Do you have a safe place for your baby to sleep?”
  
  ▪ “Did you know breastfeeding helps you and your baby?” vs. “Are you breastfeeding?”
  
  ▪ “Where do you place your baby when you’re exhausted?” vs. “Do you have a crib or play yard for your baby?”
  
  ▪ “What have you heard about sharing a bed with your baby?” vs. “Keep your baby in the same room but not in your bed.”
  
  ▪ “Have you, your partner, and grandparents talked about where your baby will sleep?” vs. “Do you know about safe sleep?”
Straight Talk for Infant Safe Sleep

- Implicit bias and safe sleep training for care providers (up to 5 contact hours for nurses)
- Recognized by the National Institute for Children's Health Quality as a “promising practice for eliminating disparities in sleep-related infant deaths”
- Addressing the “whys” behind safe sleep and starting conversations
- Meeting families where they are—start with the common denominator: exhaustion!
- Creating an environment that reflects the community
Our Safe Sleep Guardians

• Celebrate rather than critique.
• There is power in numbers…and they are growing!
• Take it offline.
• Ask questions.
• Recruit community advocates.

https://firstcandle.org/safe-sleep-guardians/
We are here to listen, learn, and collaborate!

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Facebook: @FirstCandleforBabies
Twitter: @First_Candle
Bridged Messaging: Breastfeeding & Safe Infant Sleep

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USBC Membership

- Most unified voice advocating for breastfeeding policy & practice change in the U.S.
- 100+ professional, educational, governmental, coalitions & community-based organizations
Consistent, integrated messaging about safe infant sleep and breastfeeding is essential for all caregivers.

USBC’s Safe Sleep and SIDS Awareness Month page
http://www.usbreastfeeding.org/page/safe-sleep-awareness-month
NAPPSS: A National Initiative

NAPPSS is a project of National Institute for Children’s Health Quality that is funded by HRSA’s Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB).

Initiatives

National Action Partnership to Promote Safe Sleep Improvement and Innovation Network (NAPPSS-IIN)

NAPPSS-IIN is an initiative to make infant safe sleep and breastfeeding the national norm by aligning stakeholders to test safety bundles in multiple care settings to improve the likelihood that infant caregivers and families receive consistent, evidence-based instruction about safe sleep and breastfeeding.
Coalitions Directory

The USBC maintains this directory with information provided by breastfeeding coalitions from across the country. Note that there is only one official state-level coalition in each state (or U.S. territory). In order to register as such, the state/territorial coalitions shown have agreed to abide by the USBC’s [Guidelines for Breastfeeding Coalitions](#).

New Listings: To add your tribal, cultural, or local/community coalition to this directory, [request a Group Profile](#).

Updating Listings: To update/change your listing, please [login to update](#) your coalition’s Group Profile record in the site. (Note: You must have Group Administrator access rights to update your coalition’s profile.)

- [Jump to Tribal Coalitions](#)
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Breastfeeding Coalition USBC Members

The following coalitions are members of the United States Breastfeeding Committee:

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How to Host a Live Virtual Event

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CDC’s Facebook Live Event: Safe Sleep for Infants

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2021 SIDS Awareness Month Webinar
July 23, 2021
CDC decided to host a Facebook Live event to communicate safe sleep messages during October’s SIDS Awareness Month in 2019.

Communication and scientific staff worked together to quickly develop a script and Q&A and hold practice sessions in a home nursery.

The team connected with partners before the event to encourage promotion.
During the event, two CDC staff members demonstrated key features of a safe sleep area, including placing the baby on her back, in her own crib, without loose blankets, toys, or bumper pads.

Staff also addressed common concerns from parents and caregivers and responded to viewer comments posted on the Facebook feed during and after the broadcast.
As of June 2021, the CDC Safe Sleep Facebook Live had more than 19,000 views, 250 reactions, and 140 comments.

This event significantly surpassed the average views for remote CDC Facebook Live events at 7,689.

The video is archived on CDC’s SIDS website and served as an inspiration for the recent NICHD Spanish-language Facebook Live event featuring Lorena Kaplan (NICHD) and Carrie Shapiro-Mendoza (CDC).
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Animated Safe Sleep Shorts

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Animated Safe Sleep Shorts

Eye-catching, 15- and 30-second shareable videos to grab scrollers and engage with caregivers on a digital level
Today’s Discussion

Topics to Cover
• The Process
• Animated Video Library
• Customization
• How To Use
• Sneak Peak
• Questions
The Process

Listen. Learn. Share.

• Started with safe sleep basics and empathy.
• Worked with Cradle Cincinnati to hire Black women to be our thought partners and guide content, visuals, and voiceover.
• Reviewed and revised.
• And now it’s time to…
  ▪ Share with friends and partners.
  ▪ Help make safe sleep a viral conversation.
Coming Soon

Safe Sleep Digital Library

www.charlieskids.org
Make It Your Own.

• We believe the best ideas ought to be shared, so the final screen of each video is fully customizable to include your logo and contact information.

• Much like our book, you can help us get these into the hands of caregivers that need the education.

• A win for one is a win for all.
How To Use the Videos

• Instagram
• Waiting Room iPads/TVs
• Text Message Check-Ins
• YouTube Channel
• PSA on Local TV
• Church Lobby TVs/Screens
• Conversation Starter
• Parenting Classes
• Facebook

• Patient Room iPads/TVs
• Electronic Billboard
• Instagram TV
• Paid Ads: Amazon Prime, Facebook, Hulu
• Program Website
• Church Mom Groups
• Staff Training Classes
Sneak Peak
5…4…3…2…1
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Best Practices for Increasing Engagement

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Campaign Goals

• Encourage the normalization of safe infant sleep

• Empower existing safe sleep advocates

• Promote safe infant sleep resources
Come Prepared

• Use the campaign as an opportunity to promote the work that your organization does to further safe sleep awareness in your community year-round

• Create a checklist of talking points to include as you create posts

• Create a list of safe sleep organizations to interact with throughout the month
Come Prepared

• Develop original content that will help you achieve your campaign goals

• Use calls to action and bold language to encourage participation

• Gather images that depict an ideal safe infant sleep environment

• Know your audience
Engage!

• Set aside time each day to interact with the campaign

• Engage with your followers by starting conversations about safe infant sleep

• Engage with the hashtag to attract new followers
Consider Creating a Partnership to Amplify Your Message

Cribs for Kids® + Safe Infant Sleep Evidence-Based Support Group Partnership
Creative Contests and Giveaways

• Weekly contests with giveaways encourage participation

• Set aside safe sleep awareness resources to procure prizes

• Consider asking a local foundation or hospital to sponsor your #SafeSleepSnap contest
Due to a hilarious typo in #SafeSleepSnap, we’ve decided to hold a mini contest this week titled: #SafeSleepSnape!

Your task for this one is simple: create a safe sleep meme featuring Severus Snape! I’ve included a few examples that I made to get you started. You can use any image of Snape that you’d like (although, maybe not the one of him bleeding from DH) and any wording you’d like, but we would prefer it to be educational about safe sleep. Don’t focus on what’s unsafe, focus on what’s safe! Don’t worry about adding the logo or the web address. I will take care of that after the contest is over.

We will be selecting several winners for this one (mod discretion on how many), so give us your best! You may submit multiple entries. Be sure to go through and like your favorite ones because we will give consideration to the memes with the most likes. Entries will be accepted until Thursday 10/10 at 9pm CST. Entries must be submitted on this thread. Entrist submitted to the post queue or PM will not be accepted.

Also, don’t forget to check out our main contest thread for this week here: https://www.facebook.com/groups/SafeInfantSleep/permalink/2483477848404138/

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact me, Hallie Conrad Wedding, or @ Jessica Baird!

Happy meme-ing!
#SafeSleepSnap Giveaways
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• Please complete the survey about this webinar so that we can continue to improve.