

Florida SIDS/SUID Strategies





Established in 1991 to promote and support the health and well being of pregnant women and young children.

Florida MCH Infrastructure to Address SUID

- ❖ Statewide Healthy Start System
- ❖ 22 FIMR Projects
- ❖ Statewide Child Abuse Death Review System

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- ❖ Training and Education
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Medical Examiner Study

- ❖ Study examined SUID causes of death across 24 Medical Examiner districts using death certificates
- ❖ Found Medical Examiner SUID causes of death varied greatly
- ❖ To address these reporting differences, FDOH reports a new definition of SUID deaths instead of using SIDS

Florida SUID Investigation

- ❖ Currently investigating all Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths based on death certificates: causes and location
- ❖ Investigation purposes are to estimate the number of Sudden Unexplained Infant Deaths and the risk factors for prevention

Study of High Risk Infant Sleeping Behaviors—Back Sleep & Bed sharing

- ❖ Used PRAMS data to compare risk factors for not using back sleep position and for bed sharing
- ❖ Risk factor profile for infant bed sharing is distinct from that for not using the back sleep position; also distinct by race

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Training and Education

❖ Statewide Initiatives

- Educational materials
- Department position paper on bed sharing
- Provider training

Department of Health Brochure

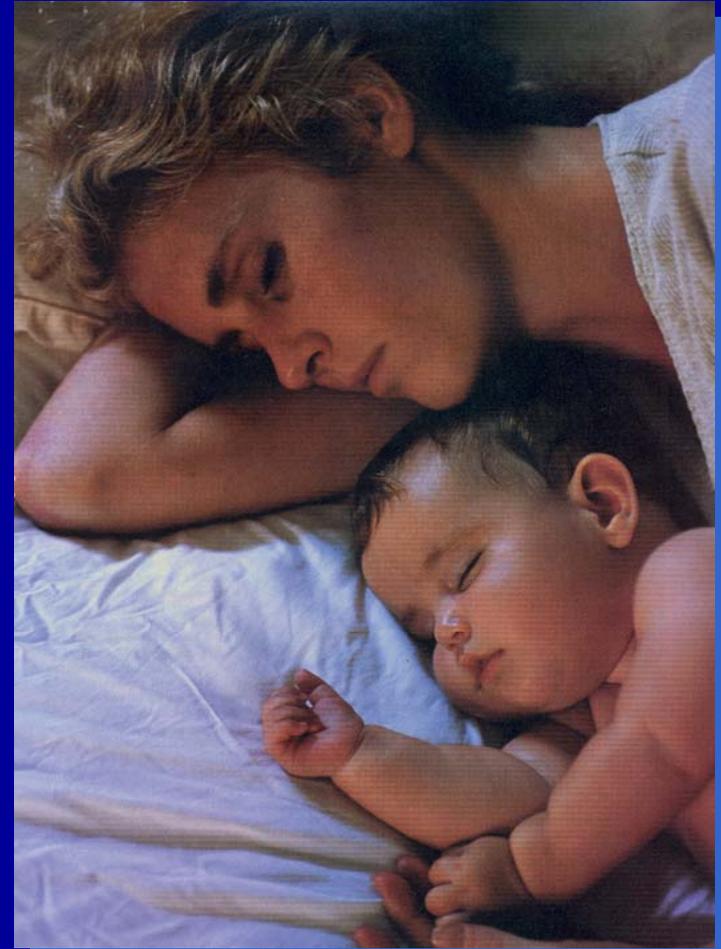


Educational Materials

- ❖ Department of Children and Families (DCF) provided funding for prevention materials
- ❖ “Sleep Right Sleep Tight” public awareness campaign developed by Prevent Child Abuse American in partnership with community stakeholders

Bed Sharing Position Statement

- ❖ Department of Health developed a position statement on bed sharing to ensure a consistent message across programs at a state and local level
- ❖ Position statement supports the AAP recommendations on risk reduction



Provider Training

- ❖ Safe sleep and breastfeeding—WIC and Healthy Start
- ❖ Translating research into practice—training that includes results of research studies
- ❖ Physician and other health care provider training—planned for April, satellite broadcast

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Healthy Start Program

❖ Services to individuals

- Home visiting
- Parent education

❖ Services to communities

- Fetal and Infant Mortality Review
- Mobilizing community partnerships—including traditional and non-traditional venues
- First responder training on CDC SUIDI Form
- Engage colleges and universities in curriculum development

Community Initiatives

- ❖ Project Moses
- ❖ Save our Babies
- ❖ Safe Baby



Thank You

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