



Maryland State Child Fatality Review Report

From the desk of the Chairperson

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Local CFR Contacts:
Please forward this newsletter to all local team members.

Is your CFR considering the National Children's Center for Rural & Agricultural Health & Safety Special Project & Pilot Study Funds for 2006-2007? Application deadline is 7/14. Contact Joan Patterson if you have not yet received the 2-page grant application.

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Maryland Center for Infant & Child Loss simplifies your local "Back to Sleep Campaign"

Is Sudden Infant Death Syndrome a priority for your CFR? Does your community need to be recharged about sleep safety issues? If so, the MD Center for Infant & Child Loss web site is the place to start:

www.infantandchildloss.org

Here you will: 1. Find risk reduction info & brochures in 4 languages

2. Link to the National Institutes of Child Health & Human Development

Risk Reduction - Babies Sleep Safest on Their Backs"

From the Center's web page:

Providing a safe sleep environment for baby is important for parents and caregivers to help reduce the risk of SIDS and other infant deaths related to bedding. Since the beginning of the National Back to Sleep Campaign in 1994, SIDS has dropped 50% in the United States. Read on for more information about what to do.

[What is SIDS?](#) | [FAQ](#) | [Research/Current Topics](#)

Also information on ordering Back to

"Current Highlights" Offers Research Topics

At your fingertips find American Academy of Pediatrics Recommendations to Reduce the Incidence of Infant Death and Research on Child Death issues. The Center funded, in part, the study "Forensic Investigation of Sudden Infant Deaths in the State of Maryland" (Ling Li, Xiang Zhang, Carolyn Fowler, Ron Zielke, David Fowler, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, State of MD; Dept. of Pediatrics, Univ. of MD U.S.A.; Dept. of Pediatrics, Univ. of MD, School of Medicine; Johns Hopkins Univ., School of Public Health.)

"The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner witnessed a significant decline in the rate of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) in the State of Maryland since 1994. As the SIDS rate in Maryland dropped sharply from 1.19 per 1000 live births in 1990 to only 0.27 per 1000 live births in 2003, the occurrence of related diagnosis, such as "undetermined" cases has increased considerably. These cases are listed as Sudden Unexplained Death in Infancy (SUDI)... The most common "undetermined" cases in 2003 were co-sleeping infants because the possibility of asphyxia due to overlay could not be ruled out." Check out the web page to learn more about this study and others.

'Back to Sleep Campaign' outreach materials (general & African American)
3. Learn about the Center's Outreach & Education AND Counseling & Support programs

4. Discover 33 Perinatal and Child Loss Support Groups

5. Read about Related Research
Need more info? Call 1-800-808-SIDS (7434) or email

caring@infantandchildloss.org

Sleep materials, posters, light switch covers, video, "Keep Your Baby Safe and Healthy" brochures in [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Korean](#) and [Vietnamese](#).

For DHHS Back to Sleep material and information visit
<http://www.nichd.nih.gov/sids>

Back to Sleep: An Educational Intervention with Women, Infants, and Children Program Clients
<http://pediatrics.aapublications.org>