



PROJECT SAFE SLEEP

Safe Sleep, Safe Crib

Project Safe Sleep is a program intended to decrease infant mortality by providing infant Safe Sleep education and a Cribette™ portable play yard. This program is for Illinois residents only and must meet the following parameters:

- Parent or primary caregiver is unable to secure a safe crib, bassinet, or portable play yard for newborn.
- Client is uninsured, underinsured, underserved, undocumented, or is insured under Medicaid.
- PLEASE CHECK TO SEE IF CLIENT'S INSURANCE COMPANY HAS A CRIB PROGRAM before sending a request to SIDS of Illinois, Inc. For instance, **BCBSIL** offers a Medicaid pregnancy program called **SPECIAL BEGINNINGS** where qualified members can receive a Cribette™ or a car seat. **COUNTY CARE ILLINOIS** also has a Medicaid crib program entitled **BRIGHTER BEGINNINGS**. **MERIDIAN/CENTENE** also has a Medicaid program for cribs. We are not able to provide cribs for those clients who have their Medicaid insurance to the above companies.

Infant mortality that is related to unsafe sleep environments may cause accidental suffocation (entrapment, overlay and positional asphyxia) or sudden, unexplained, infant death (SUID/SIDS). This program partners with local community organizations to provide information on "Safe Sleep for Baby" and Cribette™ portable cribs for families who are significantly below the poverty level, have a newborn infant and do not have access to a safe crib. **Parents who receive a crib for their infant from SIDS of Illinois, Inc. must sign an agreement to use the portable crib for all sleep times and for the intended infant (ex: don't sleep with infant and put toddler in crib).**

The assessment process consists of an explanation from referring provider on risk factors (premature birth, low birthweight, environmental issues, etc.) that increase the infant's risk of death due to SIDS/SUID or accidental suffocation. Because there are a finite number of cribs to distribute, please explore all options before requesting Cribettes. **Cribettes are for infants under one (1) month of age.** If baby has been sleeping with parent/s for more than a month or so, it is very unlikely that baby will transition well or at all. The only exceptions are:

1. Baby has been sleeping in a bassinet and has outgrown it
2. There is a fire and everything is destroyed – baby is used to sleeping in a crib
3. Mom is running from a domestic violence issue and baby is used to sleeping in a crib
4. Teen moms without access to safe sleep environment for the baby.
5. These Cribettes are meant for those families truly in need. They may **NOT** be used for incentives.

Education on safe sleep environment is essential for the parents and primary caregivers of the newborn. Once the application is completed, fax to our office at 630-541-8246. You may email application, but only if your system has an **ENCRYPTED** email option. This is to maintain privacy and is HIPAA compliant. Once we receive the application and it is approved, your client will be assigned to a Health Educator (HE). The HE will contact

parent to ascertain the correct address; provide telephonic education including, but not limited to, Safe Sleep, Tummy Time, Breastfeeding, Smoking Cessation, Pregnancy Spacing, Importance of Post-partum Care, Post-partum blues/anxiety/depression, and Car Seat safety. When the education is completed, the HE will complete the necessary paperwork. A Cribette™, fitted sheet, onesie t-shirt, and printed materials, will be shipped via UPS with a delivery signature, directly to parent. The entire kit is available in English and Spanish. If your client speaks Spanish or any language other than English or Polish, we may need you to provide a translator. We will send the tracking number to the client so they can keep track of the delivery. Someone **MUST** be home to sign for the Cribette™. If it is sent back to the SIDS office, client will have to make an appointment to come to pick it up at the SIDS office in Lisle, IL. We are not able to ship product twice.

Clients can be referred to SIDS of IL, Inc. by any healthcare professional, Faith-based organization, FCM, etc. Due to the pandemic, you may complete the application telephonically with client. There is a space on the bottom of the referral where parents would sign giving permission for you to share their contact information. That is where you would write that permission was granted via telephone contact. We do not typically take referrals from the clients themselves. Please **DO NOT** give the client my name or contact information or ask them to call me directly. Application does not guarantee the client will receive a Cribette™.

Please fax completed form to SIDS of Illinois, Inc., at 630-541-8246. Please **ENCRYPT** all email applications. For more information, please contact Nancy Maruyama, RN, BSN. NCBF at nancy@sidsillinois.org or 630-661-6795.