

PROJECT SAFE SLEEP Safe Sleep, Safe Crib

ABOUT THIS PROGRAM:

Project Safe Sleep is a program intended to decrease infant mortality by providing infant Safe Sleep education and a Cribette™ portable play yard. 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, who are currently pregnant or 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).**

DOES YOUR CLIENT QUALIFY?

QUALIFICATIONS: 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 in her last trimester or baby is less than 1 month old. Please call us if you have any questions.
- ✓ Client is uninsured, underinsured, underserved, undocumented, or is insured under a Medicaid Insurance provider that does not offer portable cribs as an incentive.

PLEASE CHECK TO SEE IF CLIENT’S INSURANCE COMPANY HAS A CRIB PROGRAM. The following insurance companies have their own crib programs. If your client has any of these Medicaid insurances, please have them call their insurance provider. We are not able to provide cribs for those clients if their Medicaid insurance company offers a safe crib.

- × **BCBS Medicaid:** Their crib program is called “Special Beginnings”
- × **County Care Illinois Medicaid:** Their crib program is called “Brighter Beginnings”
- × **Meridian Medicaid:** Please call insurance for details
- × **Aetna Medicaid:** Please call insurance for details

EXCEPTIONS: Due to the limited supply of Cribettes we have in the office, we have strict parameters. Please note we only give Cribettes to 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 a baby will transition well or at all. The only exceptions are:

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

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION:

1. Fill out the application form in its entirety.
2. Please sign the two signatures on the bottom of the application page.
3. Fax application to 630-541-8246 or email **ENCRYPTED** to Nancy@sidsillinois.org or Lucy@sidsillinois.org
Emails that are not encrypted will not be accepted. This is to maintain privacy and HIPAA compliance.

Clients can be referred to SIDS of IL, Inc. by any healthcare professional, Faith-based organization, FCM, etc. 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 clients our information and tell them to call us directly.** Application does not guarantee the client will receive a Cribette™.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Within 24 hours of submitting your request, an email will be sent to the referring agency on approval.
2. Once approved, your client will be assigned to a Health Educator (HE). HE will text client and schedule a 15-20 minute safe sleep education session over the phone. We provide education in English, Spanish, and Polish and we have a dedicated translation service for all other languages.
3. HE will call client with Safe Sleep Education which includes, but is 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.
4. Once education is completed, the office will be notified and a Cribette™ + print materials will get ready to be shipped. The Cribette™ will include fitted sheet, onesie t-shirt, and education print materials (in English or Spanish).
5. Referring agency and client will be given UPS tracking number. Please note we prefer sending the Cribette™ directly to the agency. If this is not possible, please indicate reason on the application form. If we send Cribette™ to the client, client must be home to sign for it. **If client misses the delivery period and the Cribette™ is sent back to the office, client must make an appointment to come and pick it up at the SIDS office in Lisle, IL.** We will not re-ship the product.

We value everyone's time within this process. Approved applications usually have their Cribette™ sent out within the same week the application was received. The efficiency of the process depends on everyone's involvement. If you have any questions, you may call us directly at 630-541-3901 or email Nancy@sidsillinois.org or Lucy@sidsillinois.org.

CONTINUING THE SAFE SLEEP MESSAGE:

We understand that practicing safe sleep can be hard but believe learning about it doesn't have to be! To offer continuous support for our families, we encourage everyone to share our [MySafeBaby](http://www.mysafebaby.org) website dedicated to providing new safe sleep information to families in a way that they understand and can reference any time of day. www.mysafebaby.org



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