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1 Designate Cribs for Kids Contacts

Designate two contacts responsible for coordinating the certification process, maintaining designation, and facilitating communication with Cribs for Kids.

2 Review Cribs for Kids National Infant Safe Sleep Certification Requirements

Criteria is applicable to all units providing care for patients less than one year of age.

- **Infant Safe Sleep Certification Manual:** Comprehensive criteria for implementation & reporting, and guides efforts to achieve & maintain each level of the Infant Safe Sleep Certification.
- **Policy Evaluation Guide:** Review the policy guide to ensure the hospital policy will meet certification requirements upon application submission. .
- **Training/Education Evaluation Guide:** Evaluate staff training and family/caregiver education materials.

3 Review 'Cribs for Kids®Hospital Certification Toolkit'

The Certification Toolkit provides resources to assist the development and maintenance of your infant safe sleep initiative.

4 All Levels Must Meet Minimum Requirements

Each element incorporates AAP recommendations and criteria outlined in the Cribs for Kids' Certification Manual. Criteria is applicable to all units providing care for patients less than one year of age.

- **Develop Infant Safe Sleep Policy:** Implement a hospital-wide or system-wide infant safe sleep policy according to the Policy Evaluation Guide. Policies must be in effect at least three (3) months prior to application submission.
- **Provide Healthcare Team Member Training:** Provide onboarding and annual safe sleep training to staff caring for patients less than one year of age in the hospital and any hospital-owned prenatal clinics, according to the Training/Education Guide.
- **Provide Family/Caregiver Education:** Provide safe sleep education to family/caregivers of any patient less than 1 year of age in the hospital and any hospital-owned prenatal clinics according to the Training/Education Guide.
- **Safe Sleep Assessment:** Identify families needing a safe space and refer to local resources.
- **Hospital Website Infant Sleep Education:** Provide safe sleep education on the hospital website.
- **Hospital-wide Safe Sleep Imagery:** All hospital platforms displaying physical or virtual imagery of infant sleep must depict a sleeping environment consistent with the most current AAP recommendations.
  - If an image is unable to be removed, a virtual or physical disclaimer must be displayed. Physical disclaimers are available on the Cribs for Kids Store.
- **Minimum Implementation Requirement:** Policy, training, education, and assessment practices must be in effect for a minimum of 3 months prior to application submission.

5 Review the Application Process

Submit an application via our application platform Submittable. Review the' Applications' page for detailed instructions to gather necessary documentation to ensure application completeness, reduce delay, and support your hospital's pathway to certification.

6 Contact Us with Questions

- If you have further questions or wish to schedule a virtual meeting with a member of the Hospital Certification Program team, visit 'Contact Us' to submit a contact request. Ensure all online resources have been reviewed prior to requesting a meeting.

All system-wide applicants are required to schedule a virtual meeting.

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Levels of Certification:

	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
Implement hospital or hospital system-wide Infant Safe Sleep Policy in accordance with Policy Guide.*	✓	✓	✓
Deliver safe sleep healthcare team member training to staff caring for patients less than one-year-old.*	✓	✓	✓
Provide safe sleep education to family or caregivers of infants less than one year old.*	✓	✓	✓
Provide safe sleep education on the hospital website.	✓	✓	✓
Hospital-wide imagery must meet AAP compliance.	✓	✓	✓
Identify families needing a safe sleep space and provide resources.*	✓	✓	✓
Implement Quality Improvement Initiative via unit-based Safe Sleep compliance audits.*	–	✓	✓
Hospital-wide wearable blanket distribution: In-house use AND/OR gifted to infants less than one year.* **OR** Assign Cribs for Kids Hospital-wide Safe Sleep Training Module to every hospital employee.*	–	✓	✓
Identify at-risk family/caregivers in need of infant safe sleep spaces and distribute safe sleep spaces before discharge.*	–	–	✓
Engage in a minimum of 2 community outreach initiatives to educate the community on infant safe sleep. **Note:** Hospitals applying as a system may share one (1) of two (2) outreach initiatives.	–	–	✓

**** Practices must be in effect for minimum 3 months prior to application submission.***

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