

# Safe Sleep Certified Hospital Notes

Cribs for Kids 1st Friday Update - June '24 - Volume 4, #11

## It's a Wrap: 8th National Cribs for Kids Conference

Last month the 8th National Cribs for Kids Conference brought together experts, advocates, and practitioners in infant sleep safety to showcase the latest research, innovative strategies, and community-driven initiatives to reduce sleep-related infant deaths. With over 70 speakers across over 50 sessions, the conference advanced the mission of promoting safe sleep practices and preventing infant deaths through education, collaboration, and innovative solutions. We look forward to continuing our work together and gathering again in October 2026 for our 9th National Conference. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our speakers and each attendee for their valuable contributions to the discussion. A thank you to our sponsors for their support: [Korbex Baby](#), [bunky](#), [UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh](#), [UPMC Magee Women's Hospital](#), and [Safe Kids Worldwide](#), whose commitment to our mission makes events like this possible. The image below is the live drawing made during the conference final session, "Where Do We Go from Here". Thank you for helping us all go together!



## AAP News Part 1 - From Task Force to Subcommittee



Cribs for Kids education and work is built on the foundation of the **American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Recommendations for Reducing Infant Deaths in the Sleep Environment** as researched, reviewed, and released by the AAP's SIDS Task Force. Within the AAP a task force is not meant to be permanent. As a show of its commitment to this expert team's work, the AAP has elevated the group to a subcommittee. The SIDS Task Force is now formally known as the **Subcommittee on Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID)**. The AAP's SUID Subcommittee is part of the **Council on Injury, Violence, and Poison Prevention (COIVPP)**. You will now hear the task force referred to as the subcommittee. This is exciting news for the vital work we all do prevent infant deaths that is driven by the subcommittee's expertise.

## AAP News Part 2 - Parent Education & Safe Sleep Support

The AAP offers a great website for families and caregivers, [www.healthychildren.org](http://www.healthychildren.org). Ages & Stages are easily accessible via a left sidebar menu. Typing, "infant safe sleep" in the search leads to meaningful information such as "sleeping safely when my baby has a stuffed nose" or "benefits of baby massage". Try sorting the results by "most recent". One of the most recent posts is authored by SUID Subcommittee chair, Rachel Moon, MD, FAAP. Entitled, "Safe Sleep Tips for Sleep-Deprived Parents", Dr. Moon offers suggestions and resources.



Article Link: [Safe Sleep Tips for Sleep-Deprived Parents - HealthyChildren.org](https://www.healthychildren.org/parenting/article/safe-sleep-tips-for-sleep-deprived-parents)

## Safe Sleep Around the Country: Project Swaddle Collaboration

Gold Safe Sleep Certified **Franciscan Health Michigan City** in Indiana is partnering with their local fire department to conduct prenatal and postpartum home visits to high-risk patients under the care of LaPorte County Franciscan Health providers. The program, **Project Swaddle**, sends paramedics to homes for vitals, support, and education that includes safe sleep. Read more in the article link below. Well done to the team members of **Franciscan Health Michigan City** and the **LaPorte Fire Department**.



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News Article: [Franciscan Health, La Porte Fire Department bringing Project Swaddle to LaPorte County - NWI Life](#)  
Project Detail: [Rural Project Summary: Project Swaddle - Rural Health Information Hub](#)

## Wish You Were Here: On the Road this Summer

Cribs for Kids is traveling a bit this summer. If you happen to be at any presentations or conferences where we are, we hope you'll stop by to say hello and tell us about your work. We were just in Harrisburg for the Annual Meeting of the **Pennsylvania Perinatal Collaborative** (see Fun Fotos!) and head to Baltimore on June 12th for the **Maryland Infant Loss Summit: Infant Safe Sleep-Having the Hard Conversation**. Below are other conferences & events where you can find us.

A note on the AWHONN Convention: The first 30 people from Infant Safe Sleep Certified Hospitals to visit Devon George at our booth will receive a token of our appreciation.

**2024 AWHONN CONVENTION**  
2024 AWHONN Convention: June 7th - 11th in Phoenix, AZ  
<https://www.awhonncvention.org/>

**NACCHO 360**  
NACCHO 360: July 23rd - 26th in Detroit, MI  
<https://www.nacchoannual.org/about/about-naccho360>

**Babies & Bumps**  
Babies & Bumps: Across the US in 13 Cities  
<https://babies-and-bumps.com/events/>

## May Safe Sleep Hospital Certification Awards

With the excitement of our Cribs for Kids Conference, our Hospital Certification reviews slowed a bit. For May, we are pleased to recognize good works in each award area—first five-year certification, second five-year certification, and upgrade via the annual report. Congratulations to the safe sleep teams at each of these hospitals on the work they do each day for our babies and their families.



- 1st 5-Year Award:** Newly Bronze Certified **AdventHealth Waterman** in Florida.
- 2nd 5-Year Award:** Gold Certified **Providence Saint Patrick** in Montana.
- Level Upgrade:** Newly Gold Certified **Boston Children's Hospital** in Massachusetts.

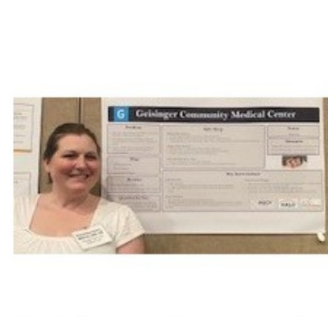
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## June Fun Foto Feature

This past month, Cribs for Kids joined the annual meeting of the **Pennsylvania Perinatal Quality Collaborative (PAPQC)** in Harrisburg. We were honored to present and facilitate a roundtable discussion. Thank you! It was great to learn about the work being done by its members via their poster presentations. Here are just a few including **Lehigh Valley Network-Hazleton** shown here.



**UPMC Harrisburg**



**Geisinger Community Medical Center**



**Jefferson Abington Hospital**

## Coming in July - Hospital Certification FAQ Newsletter Edition

Have any questions for the FAQ? Send them by 6/30/24 to [hospitalcertification@cribsforkids.org](mailto:hospitalcertification@cribsforkids.org)