



Engaging Childcares to Impact Infant Mortality Project

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- **Focuses on decreasing the amount of safe sleep deaths in areas with highest needs in Allen County**
 - **Provides safe sleep materials to Providers**
 - **Increases # of infant slots available**
 - **Helps Providers increase Paths to QUALITY levels**
 - **Trains Providers to become Safe Sleep Ambassadors**



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Targeted Zip Codes

- **46803**
- **46805**
- **46806***
- **46816**

***Second highest infant mortality rate in Indiana.**



Safe Sleep Environments

- **Gives the Childcare Provider overview of Project**
- **Assesses Provider's current sleep environment**
- **Discusses materials needed for a safer sleep environment**
- **Orders materials to deliver to the Provider**
- **Supports Provider in setting up the Safe Sleeping environment**
- **Follows-up with Provider to ensure Safe Sleeping practices continue to be met**



Safe Sleep Ambassadors and Conversation Tools

- **Providers can advocate for Safe Sleep by becoming an Ambassador**
 - **Providers take Cribs for Kids Safe Sleep training**
 - **Reviews Childcare Parent Survey with Provider and materials in Family Engagement packet (shown right)**
 - **Provider receives certificate of completion**
- **Community Sleep Safely flyer**



Making an Impact

- **Supports Family Childcare Providers through a Learning Community which allows for:**
 - **Infrastructure growth**
 - **Professional development**
 - **Collaboration with other Childcare Providers**
 - **Business goal setting**
 - **Connections to other early childhood systems**
 - **Child Development Associate (CDA) certification**
- **By providing support to these Providers, they are more likely to become Safe Sleep Ambassadors and infant mortality rates will decrease.**

