



OFFICE OF FAMILIES AND CHILDREN
Families and Children Letter FCL #087

TO: Directors and Administrators, Public Agencies
Directors and Administrators, Private Agencies

FROM: Jeffery Van Deusen, Deputy Director
Office of Families and Children

DATE: April 12, 2023

SUBJECT: Safe Sleep Kit Ordering Instructions

Background

Beginning May 2022, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) and Ohio Department of Health (ODH) collaborated to further promote safe sleep education to all ODJFS certified resource caregivers. According to data from ODH, each week in Ohio, three babies perish in unsafe sleep environments, and we know that your team is continuing to educate your certified resource caregivers on the importance of safe sleep practices. Each month, ODJFS sends safe sleep education materials to all newly certified resource caregivers for all public and private agencies in Ohio. ODH guest speakers joined us for our OFC Bi-Monthly Touchpoint meeting on March 15, 2023, and shared data and resources to support your agency in further promoting safe sleep education with your certified foster caregivers.

Safe Sleep Kits

To support you in these efforts, beginning in March 2023, our partners at ODH have made a Safe Sleep Educational Kit available for both public and private resource caregivers after becoming initially certified. This Safe Sleep Kit offers tools and resources to complement their knowledge gained in pre-service training as well as in your agency's onboarding policy.

These specially designed kits offer the following contents and are available in both English and Spanish versions.

- Sleep Sac
- Sleep Baby Safe and Snug (By Dr. John Hutton – depending on availability)
- Pacifier
- Magnet
- Crib Message Sheet
- Cribette Sheet (only fits Pack-n-Play)

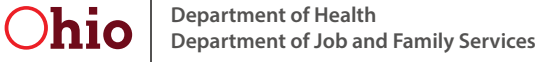
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To Order

To order Safe Sleep Educational Kits, at no charge for your agency, to provide to initially certified resource caregivers please follow instructions on the enclosed document from our partners at ODH. When ordering, please refrain from using acronyms for your agency name, as the certified agency name is how the vendor will associate you. In addition, please visit their [Infant Safe Sleep | Ohio Department of Health](#) website for more training, literature, and safe sleep demonstration videos to promote the ABCs (Alone. Back. Crib.) of infant safe sleep practices.

Contact

We hope these resources are useful, and we welcome the opportunity to be of any further support. For further information or questions, please contact Stevie Romano at Stephanie.Romano@jfs.ohio.gov.



SAFE SLEEP EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

This partnership between the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services provides newly certified foster and kinship providers with Safe Sleep educational kits to increase their knowledge of infant safe sleep best practices.

Agencies can order 10 or 20 kits per month based on the county/agency specific numbers. Please follow the instructions below and only order the amount that is needed to supply for a couple of months.

Step 1: Submit a Request.

Go to cribsforkids.myaccountportal.com/login and log in using the information below.

Username: infantvitalityline@cribsforkids.org

Password: IVgrant2021

Step 2: Prepare for Delivery and Storage.

You will receive an email confirmation with your shipment request and details from Pitt Ohio.

Step 3: Stay Connected.

Visit ODH's website for the latest information and tools to support and promote safe sleep practices.



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- Sleep Baby Safe and Snug book (depending on availability).
- Pacifier.
- Magnet.
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