Reducing Sudden and Unexpected Infant Deaths (SUID) in Wisconsin

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SUID deaths, Wisconsin, 2009-11

Infant deaths, by cause

- Prematurity: 22%
- SUID: 15%
- Other perinatal/maternal: 28%
- Birth defects: 19%
- Other: 16%
- Undetermined: 2%
- ASSB: 5%
- SIDS: 8%

Source: 2009-2011 Wisconsin resident Death Certificates, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.
Keys to Wisconsin efforts to reduce SUID

1. Support local reviews and prevention activities

2. Strengthen data collection and use

3. Develop and foster key partnerships
1. Support local reviews and prevention activities

- Wisconsin Title V dollars to local communities
  - *Keeping Kids Alive*
  - *Wisconsin Healthiest Families*

- Provide technical assistance/support to teams
Local prevention activities

City of Milwaukee
- Safe sleep coalition
- Citywide crib distribution
- Safe Sleep Sabbath

Dane County
- FIMR/CDR collaboration
- Established local coalition
- Three prong approach

Wood County
- Local hospitals and daycare centers
- Safe Sleep Summit
2. Strengthen data collection

- Perinatal Periods of Risk (PPOR)
  - Analysis included as part of department-level goal to reduce infant mortality
- SUID Case Registry
  - CDC grantee: Department of Health Services with Children’s Health Alliance of Wisconsin
  - Increase review and collection of SUID events
- PRAMS (Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System)
  - Use data to inform programs and partners
## PRAMS and AAP SUID prevention recommendations

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<th>AAP Level A SUID Risk Factor Recommendations</th>
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<td>1. Mother received prenatal care</td>
<td>59%</td>
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<td>2. No alcohol use during pregnancy</td>
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<td>3. No tobacco use during pregnancy</td>
<td>87%</td>
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<td>4. Breastfeeding (ever)</td>
<td>83%</td>
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<td>5. Back to sleep (infant sleep position – back)</td>
<td>81%</td>
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<td>6. Firm sleep surface</td>
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<td>7. No bedsharing</td>
<td>50%</td>
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<td>8. Pacifier use</td>
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<td>9. No overheating</td>
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<td>10. No household smoke exposure</td>
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- Children’s Health Alliance of Wisconsin (CHAW)
  - DHS has contract with CHAW to help develop, support, and sustain child death review (CDR) and fetal infant mortality review (FIMR) statewide
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- Striving to Quit (Medicaid & Public Health)
  - 5-year grant from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to help BadgerCare Plus members quit smoking
    - Includes focus on pregnant/postpartum women

- Region V CoIIN (Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network)
  - Work with statewide and regional partners on efforts to reduce SUIDs
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- Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin
  - Adopted the AAP Safe Sleep Policy
  - Evaluated staff beliefs and attitudes
  - Conducted hospital-wide education campaign and unit audits
  - Revised hospital forms
  - CJ Foundation for SIDS grant
    - CHAW, DHS, CHW, Injury Research Center
    - Disseminate a best practice (tool kit, webinars)