Campaign to Save Our Moms & Babies Awareness Leads to Action

Infant Mortality Awareness Month

September

Infant mortality is an infant death during the first year of life. The infant mortality rate is an estimate of the number of infant deaths for every 1,000 live birth.

Resources:
www.everthriveil.org

INFANT MORTALITY IS A MAJOR INDICATOR OF THE OVERALL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF A COMMUNITY

- Leading causes of infant mortality
  1. Prematurity and low birth weight
  2. Congenital anomalies (birth defects)
  3. SIDS

- In 2015, for every 1,000 babies born
  6 died before they could reach their first birthday.

A black baby born in Illinois is 3 times as likely to die than their white counterparts born that same year.

SIDS/SUID & Perinatal Loss Awareness Month

October

Sudden Unexplained Infant Death (SUID) includes death due to SIDS, accidental suffocation, overlay, infection, natural, trauma, drugs, poison, neglect/homicide, and other unknown causes.

Resources:
www.sidsillinois.org

FOLLOW THE ABCs OF SAFE SLEEP FOR A BABY: ALONE, ON BACK, IN A SAFE CRIB IN A SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT

- 1 in 5 people know someone who has experienced the death of an infant.

- Black infants in Illinois are almost 5x as likely to die from SUID as white infants.

- Bed-sharing with baby, increase the risk of death 5x up to age 3 months even if there are no other risk factors present.

Prematurity Awareness Month

November

Premature birth is when a baby is born at fewer than 37 completed weeks gestation.

Resources:
www.marchofdimes.org

SOLVING THE COMPLEX PROBLEM OF PREMATURE BIRTH

- 1 in 10 babies is born prematurely
- Premature birth is the #1 cause of death in newborns
- Premature birth is a leading cause of lasting childhood disabilities, such as learning, vision and lung problems

Please visit the EverThrive Illinois’s website at http://bit.ly/2brl65u for the full and most up-to-date listing of events.

Please visit the Illinois Department of Public Health’s website at http://1.usa.gov/1ifmxd

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