

THE PENNSYLVANIA SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME PREVENTION PROGRAM

"Saving Babies' Lives One Family at A Time"

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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Children's Task Force Recommendations Released

The Task Force on Child Protection is a panel created by the General Assembly, composed of professionals with child health, child welfare, and legal expertise who were named by Governor Tom Corbett, to thoroughly review state laws and procedures governing child protection and the reporting of child abuse. As called for under House Resolution 522 and Senate Resolution 250, the task force:

- Examined and analyzed the practices, processes and procedures relating to the response to child abuse.
- Reviewed and analyzed laws, procedures, practices and rules relating to the reporting of child abuse.
- Held public hearings, accepted and reviewed written comments from individuals and multiple organizations.
- Submitted reports which included recommendations to improve the reporting of child abuse.

The task force's final report was released in early December 2012. The comprehensive 445 page report and recommendations as well as the 5 page executive summary can be viewed at: http://www.childprotection.state.pa.us/

The recommendations included: a change to the definition of child abuse; expanding the definition of a perpetrator; expanding the list of mandated reporters; increasing the penalties for failure to report & actions against mandated reporters; increasing information sharing; changing guidelines for schools; modifying CPS & GPS databases; changing child abuse clearances; requiring multidisciplinary investigative teams for all PA counties; and expanding mandated reporter education & training. In addition, they proposed amendments to the crimes code for child abuse, and they provided multiple recommendations relating to: children's advocacy centers; ChildLine Child Abuse Registry; staff qualifications & training; developing a statewide child abuse number; amending the Professional Educator Discipline Act; and a detailed recommendation to the PA Commission on Sentencing about revising the sentencing guidelines when someone has been found guilty of child abuse. (http://www.childprotection.state.pa.us/)

We thank the members of the Task Force who dedicated themselves to this vitally important job to help protect our most innocent victims...the children!

Is Your Staff Aware of Their SBS Education Responsibilities?

Nurse Managers of all Pennsylvania children's hospitals, birth hospitals and birth centers are responsible for ensuring that their nursing staff is aware of the important role they play in educating parents about infant abusive head injuries. Since 2005, the Pennsylvania Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention program has published 19 newsletter articles related to the community standard of nursing practice for SBS education and has provided two versions of the recommendations for SBS policy development. All PA hospitals have received staff posters and nurse education cards to ensure consistency in the education that is provided as well as on-site staff training.

Please contact the PA SBS Office to schedule a free PSNA approved in-service for your staff!



The stress of having multiples increases the risk for abuse. Educate those parents carefully so they can enjoy years of fun as their babies grow!

Shaken Baby Syndrome Supply Reference List 2013



Pennsylvania Department of Health SBS Brochures (50 per package)

For 600 or more: order directly from the PA DOH:

Lani Culley <u>lculley@pa.gov</u> or call 717-772-2762

For 550 or less call the PA SBS Office: 717-531-7498 or email the nurse coordinators at the addresses on the back of this publication



Parents' Bilingual Triplicate SBS Commitment Statements

(100 forms per package/1,100 forms per case)

For a case: order directly from North Delaware Printing: ndelprint@aol.com

For 900 forms or less: call the PA SBS Office 717-531-7498

(Please continue to use this form until the new commitment statements are completed.)





American Academy of Pediatrics Crying Cards (100 per package) Parent Help Cards (100 per pack)

For 600 or more: order directly from PA Chapter of the AAP: Teresa Olsen tolsen@paaap.org or call 866-823-7226

For 500 or less: call the PA SBS Office: 717-531-7498



"A Life in Your Hands:

Preventing Shaken Baby Syndrome©"

Order triplicate version DVDs from the PA SBS Office: 717-531-7498

(This educational video is also available at select times on the Newborn Channel.)





Nurse Education Cards & Staff Lounge Poster

Order from the PA SBS Office: 717-531-7498



Self Addressed Return Envelopes for Commitment Statement Data

Order from the PA SBS Office: 717-531-7498

When in doubt please contact the PA SBS Office. We will be happy to coordinate all your SBS program supply needs free of charge.

2012 Data Report included in This Newsletter

We wish to thank all Pennsylvania birthing centers, children's hospitals & birth hospitals who faithfully sent us their commitment statement data during 2012. The commitment statements that you submit along with the OB delivery numbers or NICU discharges that you report are entered into the Pennsylvania Shaken Baby Syndrome Database.

An End of Year Database Report is sent to all hospitals annually. **Each Nurse Manager will receive a report specific to your hospital in this newsletter.** Individual hospital and Pennsylvania Cumulative Reports are also sent to the Pennsylvania Department of Health. Please review your report carefully and contact the SBS Nurse Coordinators if you find a discrepancy. If there are months that your hospital did not submit data, and you have it, it's not too late to add it. Just contact the SBS office with the new information. We will make adjustments in your database file and reissue a new report if necessary.

The data that you submit is vitally important in assessing the effectiveness of the SBS education that Pennsylvania nurses are providing. Please utilize the End of Year SBS Report as a QI tool to provide feedback to your staff on the effectiveness of your program.

If the SBS contact person at your hospital changes at any time please notify the SBS office so we can update your record. Thank You!

Child Line Releases Report of Infant Abusive Head Trauma Cases in 2012

The Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare: Child Line & Abuse Registry released the statistics of infant abusive head trauma in Pennsylvania for 2012.

There were seventy-eight documented cases of infants with head injuries that were confirmed to be the result of abuse including shaken baby syndrome. This compares to eighty-two cases reported in 2011. Of the seventy-eight infants injured: Central PA reported eighteen cases; Eastern PA accounted for thirty-three cases; and Western PA had twenty-seven cases. Forty-seven of those seventy-eight infants were boys (60%) and thirty-one were girls (40%), ranging in age from 2 weeks to 35 months old. Fifty-nine of the perpetrators were parents (76%); mom's boyfriend was named, alone or along with mom, in seventeen cases (22%); three were babysitters (4%), and in seven cases no perpetrator was able to be identified (9%). All but two of these infants were born in Pennsylvania hospitals therefore the parents should have been offered the SBS education at the time of the baby's birth. The abusive injuries to the infants included: skull fractures, subdural hematomas, brain edema, retinal hemorrhages, and permanent brain damage. **Ten of these children died from their injuries!**

To report cases of suspected child abuse call Child Line: 1-800-932-0313.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month!



What does your hospital have planned for Child Abuse Prevention Month? Suggestions can be found at the Prevent Child Abuse PA website:

www.PreventChildAbusePA.org and

www.pinwheelsforprevention.org/

PA Hospital Educates Parents Featured in SBS Video



Brian & Ellen, the couple who shared positive parenting techniques in the SBS prevention video, "A Life in Your Hands: Preventing Shaken Baby Syndrome" welcomed their second daughter, Josephine Mae, into their family in December 2012. Josie, like big sister Lilly, cried a lot during her first few weeks of life.

Kudos to the registered nurses at Lancaster General Women's & Babies Hospital where Ellen delivered. They did an excellent job providing the returning couple with SBS education & offered them the SBS video even though they were featured in it! This exemplifies care which is consistent with the PA standard of nursing practice. Great job!

Welcome to the World Baby Josie!



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Preventing Infant Abusive Head Trauma through Parent Education

The Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention & Awareness Program was developed in 1998 in Upstate New York by Dr. Mark Dias, Pediatric Neurosurgeon. Since the inception of the SBS program, Upstate New York has reduced the incidence of infant abusive head injuries by nearly 50%.

In 2002, the identical program was started as a pilot study in central Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania Law 2002-176: *The Shaken Baby Syndrome Education Act* was passed. The program partnered with the Pennsylvania Department of Health and by 2006 became the first state in the nation to provide consistent hospital-based education in 100% of all birthing and children's hospitals in Pennsylvania according to the Dias Model.

In 2007, the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) awarded the PA Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention Program a \$2.8 million dollar grant to expand the program into pediatric and family practice offices in 16 counties in Central Pennsylvania until October 2012. The CDC also provided funding for the development, production and distribution of the abusive head trauma video entitled, "A Life in your Hands: Preventing Shaken Baby Syndrome@" which is now being utilized in hospitals statewide.

The Pennsylvania Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention Program, through ongoing funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Health, provides PSNA approved nursing in-services, supplies, and guidance free of charge to all PA hospitals & birthing centers.

Our goal is to ensure that every parent of every child born in Pennsylvania receives education on shaken baby syndrome!

Pennsylvania Hospitals and Birth Centers Providing Infant Abusive Head Trauma Education

Abington Memorial Hospital Albert Einstein Medical Center Altoona Hospital Armstrong Center for Med & Hlth Berwick Hospital Center Birth Care & Family Health Sycs Birth Center: Bryn Mawr Bradford Regional Med. Center Butler Memorial Hospital Carlisle Regional Med Center Chambersburg Hospital Charles Cole Memorial Hospital Chester County Hospital Children's Hospital: Philadelphia Children's Hospital: Pittsburgh Clarion Hospital Clearfield Hospital Conemaugh Memorial Med Center Crozer Chester Medical Center Delaware County Memorial Hosp Doylestown Hospital **Dubois Regional Medical Center** Easton Hospital Elk Regional Medical Center Ellwood City Hospital Ephrata Hospital Evangelical Community Hospital Excela Health: Westmoreland

Forbes Regional Hospital Geisinger Bloomsburg Hospital Geisinger Medical Center Geisinger Wyoming Valley Med Ctr Gettysburg Hospital Good Samaritan: Lebanon Grand View Hospital Grove City Medical Center Hahnemann University Hospital Hanover General Hospital Harrisburg Hospital Hazelton General Hospital Heart of Lancaster Regional Med Ctr Heritage Valley HS: Beaver Holy Redeemer Hosp & Medical Ctr Holy Spirit Hospital Hosp University of Pennsylvania Indiana Regional Med Center Jameson North Memorial Hospital J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital Jennersville Regional Hosp. Lancaster Gen Women & Babies Hosp Lehigh Valley Hospital Lewistown Hospital Lock Haven Hospital Magee Woman's Hospital Main Line: Brvn Mawr Main Line: Lankenau

Main Line: Paoli Meadville Medical Center Memorial Hospital: Towanda Memorial Hospital: York Mercy Hospital: Pittsburgh Midwife Ctr for Birth & Womens Hlth Millcreek Community Hospital Montgomery Hospital Moses Taylor Hospital Mt. Nittany Medical Center Nason Hospital Penn State Hershey Medical Center Pennsylvania Hospital Phoenixville Hospital Pocono Medical Center Pottstown Memorial Med. Center Punxsutawney Hospital Reading Birth & Women's Center Reading Hospital & Med Center Riddle Memorial Hospital Robert Packer Hospital Sacred Heart Hospital Schuylkill Medical Center Sewickley Valley Hospital Sharon Regional Health Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Somerset Hospital Health Center St. Christopher's Hospital

St. Clair Memorial Hospital St. Joseph Med Center of Reading St. Luke's Hospital: Allentown St. Luke's Hospital: Bethlehem St. Mary's Medical Center St. Vincent Medical Center Temple University Hospital Thomas Jefferson University Hosp Titusville Area Hospital Uniontown Hospital UPMC: Bedford Memorial UPMC: Hamot UPMC Horizon: Shenango Valley UPMC: Northwest Valley Birth Place Warren General Hospital Washington Hospital Wayne Memorial Hospital Waynesboro Hospital Western Pennsylvania Hospital Wilkes-Barre General Hosp. Williamsport Hospital York Hospital

