



Baby &  
Children's  
Ministry

1782 Seneca Street

## SAFE SLEEP AMBASSADORS

With the introduction of the new law making the use of cribs that do not have stationary sides illegal, Harvest House no longer gives away cribs to moms in need. By becoming a Cribs for Kids® partner Harvest House found a perfect solution. As a Cribs for Kids® partner we are able to purchase Graco pack n plays to give to moms in need, insuring their baby has a safe place to sleep. When you become a Cribs for Kids® partner, you also commit to be a safe sleep ambassador promising to spread the message of safe sleep.

Every year ,infants die while sleeping. Babies have died because they were smothered by an adult, another child, or objects in the adult bed or crib such as pillows, comforters, soft bedding, or stuffed animals. Babies can get trapped between the bed and the wall or bed frame or between the cushions on a sofa. Sometimes a baby is injured by rolling off an adult bed. The safe sleep top tips are:

1. Always place your baby on his or her back to sleep for naps and at night.
2. Place your baby on a firm sleep surface such as on a crib mattress, covered by a fitted sheet.
3. Keep soft objects, toys and loose bedding out of your baby's sleep area.
4. Do not allow smoking around your baby.
5. Keep your baby's sleep area close to, but separate from, where you and others sleep.
6. Think about using a clean pacifier when placing your infant down to sleep.
7. Don't let your baby overheat during sleep.



# *BABY AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY cont.*

*continued from page 4* Being a Cribs for Kids® partner gives Harvest House the opportunity to purchase a Graco pack n play for \$49.99 a piece. The pack n play is a wonderful option for the clients the Baby and Children's Ministry serves in that it is portable for those who move often and takes up less space for those in smaller apartments. The pack n play also comes with a bassinet insert for newborns (shown below). To purchase the complete safe sleep kit which includes the pack n play, fitted sheet with the safe sleep message (\$7.50 if sold separately), a Halo sleep sack (\$14.99 if sold separately), and respironic pacifier (\$1.50 if sold separately) costs \$69.95. A generous donor provided \$1,000 to purchase 17 pack n plays and sheets. They were gone in one week! We have written grants to two foundations requesting funds from each to purchase 50 safe sleep kits, but in the meantime.....

Would you like to help keep a child safe? \$49.99 will purchase a Graco pack n play and \$69.99 will purchase the pack n play and the entire safe sleep kit. New York State ran public service announcements promoting safe sleep and encouraging caregivers to put their child in their own bed. Currently, Erie County is running the same ads. Neither told caregivers who could not afford a crib how to get one. The Baby and Children's Ministry not only tells them how to keep their baby safe, but provides the means to do it. Please help us keep God's little angels safe!

