

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
SLEEP POSITION WAIVER STATEMENT
FOR CHILD CARE CENTERS AND TYPE A HOMES

Safe Sleep Practices

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is the sudden and unexplained death of an infant under one year of age. SIDS, sometimes known as crib death, strikes nearly 2500 babies in the United States every year. Doctors don't know what causes SIDS, but they have found some things that can make babies safer. The American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development state that one of the most important things that can help reduce the risk of SIDS is to put healthy babies on their backs to sleep. A few babies have health or medical conditions that might require them to sleep in an alternative position.

State regulations, effective January 1, 2007, require child care centers and type A homes place infants to sleep on their back. At the advice of the infant's physician, the center may be authorized to use an alternative sleep position for the infant due to health or medical conditions.

To Be Completed by the Infant's Parent

Name of Infant		Date of Birth	
Name of Primary Care Physician			
Name of Practice			
Address			
Phone	Fax (optional)	Email (optional)	
Signature of Parent/Guardian (authorizing this instruction)			Date

To Be Completed by the Infant's Primary Physician

The above named infant has the following health or medical condition that necessitates an alternative sleep position:	
Describe the appropriate sleep position for the above named infant:	
Additional instructions:	
Signature of Physician	Date
This above instruction is effective from: (date) to (date)	

This is a prescribed form provided by ODJFS that must be used by centers and type A homes to meet the requirements of rule 5101:2-12-42 and rule 5101:2-13-42.