

# 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](http://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. Premature and low birth weight
2. Congenital abnormalities
3. SUID

In 2016, for every 1,000 babies born almost

**6 died**

before they could reach their first birthday.

A black baby born in Illinois is almost **3 times more 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 accidental suffocation, overlay, infection, natural, trauma, drugs, poison, neglect/homicide, and other unknown causes.

Resources:  
[www.sidsillinois.org](http://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**



people know someone who has experienced the death of an infant.

**Black infants are twice as likely to die of SIDS**

than white infants

Bed-sharing with baby increases risk of death by

**5x**

during the first three months of life even if there are no other risk factors present

## Prematurity Awareness Month

NOVEMBER

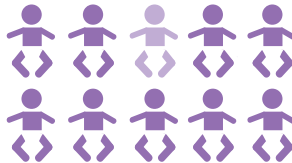


Premature birth is when a baby is born at fewer than 37 completed weeks gestation.

Resources:  
[www.marchofdimes.org](http://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



TACKLING THE ROOT CAUSES OF INFANT MORTALITY  
A TOOLKIT & RESOURCE HUB

Find more resources and how you can take action at  
[bit.ly/SDoHtoolkit](http://bit.ly/SDoHtoolkit)



To learn more, visit the Illinois Department of Public Health's website at <http://1.usa.gov/1iifmxd>

