



## Newsletter



**Wonderful news! OPQC was one of several states awarded a five-year cooperative agreement from The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to “support increasing the capacity of Perinatal Quality Collaboratives to rapidly conduct population-level perinatal QI initiatives, with a focus on ensuring an equitable distribution of benefits from QI efforts”.**

CDC recognizes that PQCs facilitate collaborative learning, provide technical assistance to healthcare facilities in conducting QI initiatives, and disseminate statewide successful interventions, policies and practice changes. This award began September 30, 2022. Learn more [here](#).



Collaborative Learning



Rapid Response Data



Quality Improvement Science Support

**We are grateful to maternity and neonatal care providers, organizations, state colleagues and key stakeholders for partnering with us to improve care and outcomes for moms and babies. We look forward to continuing our work together!**



October is Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Awareness Month



Below are several safe sleep resources to share with your families and moms-to-be:



**Baby1stNetwork**, founded in Toledo, Ohio, by Dr. Stacy Scott, co-lead of the Ohio Collaborative to Prevent Infant Mortality.

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**Charlie's Kids**, begun by Cincinnati Children's cardiologist Dr. Sam Hanke and his wife Maura after the death of their infant son, Charlie. A book for families and other resources.

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The Ohio Department of Health (ODH), Bureau of Maternal, Child and Family Health has partnered with **Cribs for Kids®** and local organizations throughout Ohio to

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**American Academy of Pediatrics** recent update to Safe Sleep recommendations.

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## Assessing Pregnancy Risks

**Medicaid's web-based Pregnancy Risk Assessment Form (PRAF 2.0)** ensures pregnant individuals who receive Medicaid have continuity of coverage during pregnancy and postpartum. Maternity care practices receive reimbursement for each PRAF completed.

Clinical staff have shared a key reason why they find the PRAF valuable:



- *“Submitting the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Form (PRAF) benefits our patients by ensuring that they do not get dropped from Medicaid insurance during their pregnancy. They come to Labor and Delivery and know their hospitalization will be covered. That has been huge!”*
- *“Since we’ve been routinely submitting the PRAF, it has been months and months since we have seen a patient dropped from their Medicaid insurance”.*

## "All Teach, All Learn"

**OPQC Quality Improvement Specialist Susan Ford MSN, RN, CPNP-PC**, will discuss OPQC's current and past initiatives at the **Illinois Perinatal Quality Collaborative (ILPQC)** 2022 annual meeting; she will be part of a panel with

representatives from IL, MI, and VA. OPQC looks forward to sharing our QI experiences and learning from colleagues.

## Connect with US

Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) to stay up to date on initiatives, projects and other updates from OPQC. On the [OPQC website](#) you can learn more about our network and how we are providing support to teams and organizations who share the goal of keeping all pregnant persons in Ohio safe and healthy. Read about how our team works and reach out to get involved. You can also use the OPQC site as a place to find resources, tools and news on our perinatal safety projects.



We look forward to continuing to share updates with you. For more information or if you have questions, please contact [info@opqc.net](mailto:info@opqc.net)

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