

Safe Sleep SYMPOSIUM

Presented by
Safe Sleep Community Council



Registered attendees will enjoy a boxed lunch



Wednesday, October 7th, 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.



**Bill & Olivia Amos Children's Hospital, 1st Floor
Conference Room, 616 19th St, Columbus, GA**

Michelle DiMarco, MD

"Infant Deaths and CFR in the State of Georgia: A Medical Examiner's Perspective"

Dr. Michelle A. DiMarco Associate Medical Examiner • Georgia Bureau of Investigation

In this presentation, the statistics on infant fatalities in the state of Georgia will be shared, with emphasis on unsafe sleep environments. Participants will be educated from the medical examiner's perspective on the categorization of sleep-related infant deaths. Various ways for healthcare professionals and caregivers to become active participants in identification and prevention of these deaths will be discussed. Additionally, the role of both local and state Child Fatality Review (CFR) panels will be highlighted.

Samuel Hanke, MD - KEYNOTE Speaker

"Building Better Safe Sleep Plans with Families"

Dr. Sam Hanke Pediatric Cardiologist • Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center President • Charlie's Kids Foundation

In this session, Dr. Sam Hanke moves beyond basic guidelines to explore how we can truly connect with families and create lasting safe sleep habits. Drawing on personal experience and resources from Charlie's Kids Foundation, Dr. Hanke will share practical tools and techniques designed to spark meaningful behavior change across generations and help every caregiver build an actionable, real-world plan for safe sleep.

Jodi Mindell, MD

"To Sleep, Per Chance to Dream: Supporting Newborn Sleep Health and Safe Sleep from the Start"

Dr. Jodi Mindell Professor of Psychology and Pediatrics Director, Graduate Psychology • Saint Joseph's University Associate Director of the Sleep Center • Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

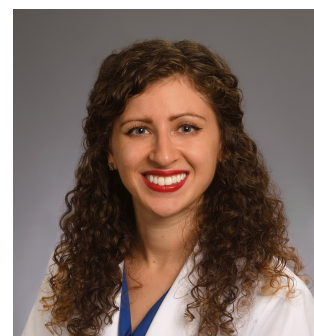
Dr. Mindell will discuss the sleep challenges parents commonly face during the first weeks and months of their newborn's life, including how sleep deprivation and unrealistic expectations about infant sleep can contribute to unsafe sleep practices. Practical evidence-based strategies will be presented that professionals can share with families to support healthy sleep from the very beginning while reinforcing safe sleep recommendations.

Closing Session: Terri Miller, MPH

Program Manager, Safe Infant Sleep; GA Department of Public Health



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- **REGISTRATION:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SafeSleepSymp26>
- **IN-PERSON** (limited to 50)
- **CNE's** applied for