



In the summer of 2013, the Crisis Nursery Coalition of Illinois was awarded a grant from the Matty Eappen Foundation to purchase and distribute information regarding shaken baby syndrome. CD's, DVD's, brochures, wallet cards, and other materials are available to and are being used to educate staff as well as parents and caregivers who may use any of the 6 crisis nurseries in Illinois . Information is provided in both English and Spanish.

Shaken Baby Syndrome is a severe type of head injury caused by forceful shaking of an infant. When a baby is shaken, his/her brain impacts the skull. This can result in bruising, swelling, and bleeding of the brain which causes permanent damage and even death. Shaken Impact Syndrome is used to describe violent shaking followed by forceful impact on a surface. One out of every four cases results in death. SBS is not an accident and can be prevented.
Never Shake a Baby.

Shaking a Baby Can Cause:

- mental retardation
- speech and learning disabilities
- paralysis
- seizures
- hearing loss
- blindness
- and even death

"My baby won't stop crying! I'm frustrated.

What can I do?"

Free crisis intervention is available from professional counselors 24 hours a day through the Childhelp USA® National Child Abuse Hotline, 1-800-4-A-CHILD® (1-800-422-4453). The hotline counselors also provide referrals to local agencies and support groups throughout the United States and Canada.

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