

HEALTHCARE ACCESS MARYLAND

Crib Assistance Program
410-649-0500

HealthCare Access Maryland (HCAM) and the B'More for Healthy Babies Initiative are partnering to reduce sleep-related deaths in Baltimore City.

HCAM provides cribs and other services to eligible pregnant women and their infants. Designated HCAM Safe Sleep Coordinators

- educate families about proper safe sleep practices.
- deliver and set up new portable cribs.
- provide instruction and demonstrate crib assembly.
- assess the home environment and make recommendations to create safer sleep environments.
- provide HealthChoice education and link mothers to care.
- provide family planning and birth-spacing education and referral.

Who is Eligible to Receive a Crib?

Women who would like a crib must be at least 36 weeks pregnant. If she has already delivered, the infant must be less than 8 months old or under 25 pounds. Women who would like to participate in the Crib Assistance Program must

- be a resident of Baltimore City.
- demonstrate financial need (\leq 200% FPL or receiving TCA, SNAP, WIC, MA/MCHP or other public benefit).
- have viewed the Safe Sleep video prior to or during the crib delivery visit
- be willing to have the portable crib set up in their homes.
- have recommendations for a safe sleep environment (obtaining a crib or bassinet) thoroughly discussed (including borrowing a crib, requesting a crib as a shower gift, and learning where to buy inexpensive cribs).

In addition, women must *not*

- have available a crib, portable crib, bassinet, or other safe environment for the infant to sleep in.
- be actively participating in a home visiting program. Clients who are eligible for a home visiting program will be referred to one and, if appropriate, HCAM will distribute a portable crib prior to enrollment.

HealthCare Access Maryland is a nonprofit agency that connects residents to public health care coverage and helps them use services effectively. We work with individuals, hospitals, policymakers, and social services organizations to strengthen Maryland's health care delivery system and make Maryland healthier.

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Need a crib? Call HCAM at 410-649-0500.

Want to know if your current crib meets safety standards or has a recall?

Call the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Consumer Hotline at 800-638-2772.