



Infant Loss Resources

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES | EDUCATION FOR CAREGIVERS

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The mission of Infant Loss Resources is to promote safe practices which reduce the risk of infant death and to provide grief support to families who have lost babies.

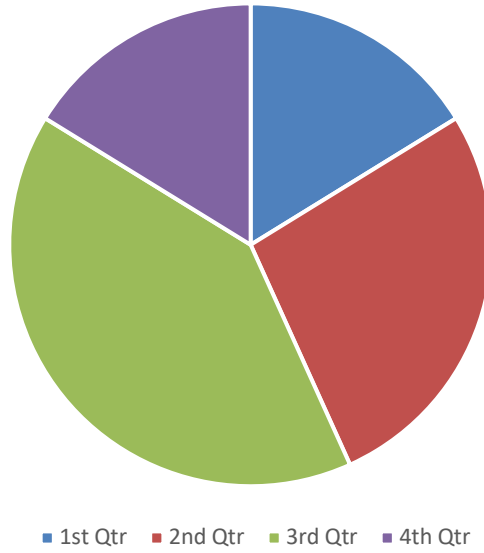
Through outreach, training and risk reduction efforts, Infant Loss Resource has helped lower the number of babies who die in the first year of life by 50% since 1994. Families who do experience the sudden loss of a baby receive free bereavement support services. Infant Loss Resources works in partnership with bereaved families, State of Missouri Child Fatality Review Panel, MO Department of Health, Health Care Professionals, Emergency Care Professionals and Corporate Representatives from throughout the state to provide the best possible services and to improve infant health.

The agency has evolved from its origin in 1974 as a federally funded project, first in St Louis and later statewide. The project was begun by a parent who had lost a baby (and was a social worker by profession) and a neonatologist. In 1982, the project was awarded the contract by the state of Missouri for provision of SIDS services. In 1984, Infant Loss Resource was incorporated as a nonprofit organization. Services continue to be funded through the generosity of individual, corporations, and foundations. Infant Loss Resources has been the recipient of two Health Start wards in the Boot heel of Missouri, also a proud recipient of 2020 State of Missouri Governor's Proclamation for our work in Infant Safe Sleep.

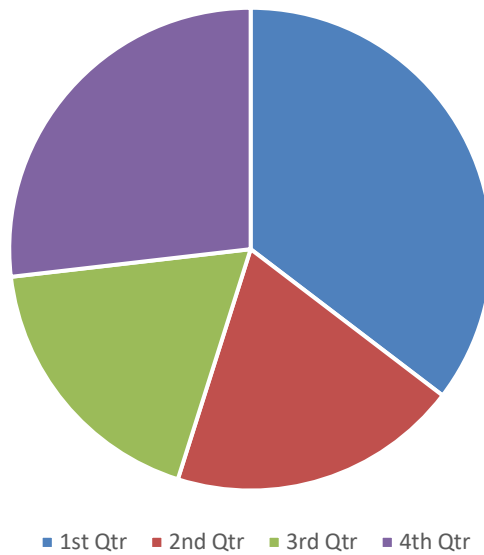
Infant Loss Resources has regional offices in, St Louis (Administration), Kansas City and Springfield, and serves families in all of Missouri, and surrounding counties in metropolitan St Louis and Kansas City. A Board of Directors representing the entire service area governs the agency.

Each year, Infant Loss Resource' provides direct bereavement support to over 200 families' statewide. In addition, Infant Loss Resource' staff members provide educational programs to over 300 professional/community groups annually (statewide), representing over 3,000 individuals who receive information on Safe Sleep; in addition to those reached through other outreach activities, i.e. health fairs. Infant Loss Resources' educational programs are free of charge to all families. Child care providers receive continuing education credit for presentations on how to reduce the risk of SIDS in child care.

Safe Sleep Training Events Statewide



Bereavement Support Statewide



* Bereavement Support Two Way Engagement