



- Pertinent Healthy People 2010 Leading Health Indicators:**
- Environmental Health
 - Mental Health
 - Injury and Violence
 - Access to Health Care
 - Tobacco Use
 - Substance Abuse

Nursing Practice

1. Review referral documents when received from Public Health Nursing Supervisor (PHNS) and on the Nursing Practice Management System (NPMS). Document Date/Time/Signature on referral when received from PHNS.
2. Analyze referral packet received from MCAH SIDS Coordinator.
3. Call MCAH SIDS Coordinator for further information.
4. Assess family needs for grief counseling:
 - a. Consider extended family, siblings and childcare provider.
5. Assess caregiver/household/provider per PHN Assessment criteria.

1. Verify the provisional medical diagnosis and determine the priority of action:
 - a. Review Section/page D6 of the Public Health Nursing Practice Manual for priority per Maternal, Child, & Adolescent Health (MCAH) or determine priority of action in consultation with the PHNS as needed. Document priority selected.
2. Consider caregiver/ household/ provider's need for nursing interventions based on the provisional medical diagnosis.
3. Consider caregiver/ household/ provider's need for nursing intervention to promote health, facilitate well being, foster healing, alleviate suffering, and improve quality of life.

Outcome Objective:

1. Prevent ineffective grieving

Nursing Practice:

1. Determine and document specific health needs/goals for the caregiver/household/provider situation.

Other References

- **Health Education Materials**
- **Public Health Nursing Practice Manual**
- **Maternal Child & Adolescent Health SIDS Program**
<http://lapublichealth.org/mch/sids/sids.htm> (213) 639-6457
- **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)**
<http://www.hrsa.org>; (800) 505-CRIB (2742), Fax (301) 984-1473
 - ❖ Booklet on selected resources for grieving parents, their families, friends, and other caregivers. Many free SIDS risk reduction resources
- **National Institutes of Health** <http://www.nichd.nih.gov/SIDS>
- **California SIDS Program** (800) 369-SIDS (7437)
www.californiasids.com
 - ❖ Grief and bereavement information under "support services"
- **First Candle/SIDS Alliance** (800) 221-SIDS (7437)
www.firstcandle.org
- **Resources for Families Experiencing a Loss:**
SIDS Foundation of Southern California Email: sidsfsc@aol.com (310) 558-4511; Spanish Speaking (562) 233-7864



Plan for the following Public Health Nursing Interventions:

1. Disease & Health Event Investigation:

- a. Interview caregiver using materials provided in the packet received from the MCAH SIDS coordinator including the Presumptive SIDS referral from LA County SIDS Program, Progress note from MCAH SIDS coordinator, SIDS reporting form from the Coroner's office, & Public Health Service Report.

2. Health Teaching/Counseling:

- a. Educate caregiver/ household/ provider on current SIDS data & research using the SIDS education & information materials provided in the packet from the MCAH SIDS Coordinator.

3. Referral & Follow-up:

- a. Refer caregiver/household/provider to support services and other agencies as needed using referral materials in packet from the MCAH SIDS Coordinator.

4. Surveillance:

- a. Once initial investigation is completed, determine the need for ongoing PHN involvement based on professional judgment and consultation with PHNS and MCAH SIDS Coordinator.

5. Other:

- a. Plan interventions needed to assist caregiver/household/provider with concerns identified in PHN Assessment.

1. PHN interventions are implemented as stated in the plan.

2. Document all consultations, collaborations, interventions, and caretaker encounters on the investigation forms and/or progress notes/NPMS.

1. Evaluate effectiveness of the interventions on the health of the caregiver/ household/ provider; e.g. document caregiver understands SIDS diagnosis process.

2. Determine and document action for the non-adherent caregiver:

- a. Document when contact is not established or service is refused on the PHN Progress Note included in the packet from the MCAH SIDS Coordinator.
- b. Consult with PHNS & MCAH SIDS Coordinator as needed.

3. Complete investigation forms:

- a. Complete PH Services Report, Report of Contact, PHN Progress Note, and the SB 90 PHN Case Tracking Form and submit to MCAH SIDS Coordinator via PHNS within 2 weeks of initial referral.

4. Document in NPMS:

- a. File a copy of the PHN Assessment per PHN Assessment Form instructions.

5. Evaluate client satisfaction:

- a. Give client satisfaction form to the caregiver for completion and submission in a pre-addressed, stamped envelope.

