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| **ISA ISPID  Abstract Submission  Nº: 141**   |  | | --- | | Topics: **Implementing best practices** | | Type: **Workshop** | | **A Community of Committed Men: Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Fatherhood Infant Safe Sleep Initiative** | | **Scott, Stacy**1; **Perkins, Rodney**2 *1 - In Black Print, Inc . 2 - Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity, Inc.* | | **Objectives of the session** 1) The Participant will be a able to articulate the mission and purpose of Healthy Kappas, Healthy Communities (HK/HC) a national health & wellness initiative.  2) The Participant will be able to demonstrate increased knowledge regarding how an all male organization is working to reduce sudden unexpected infant death 3) The Participant be able to identify tools that will assist promoting the Safe Infant Sleep messages to grassroots communities.  **Content of the session** The Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity is working through its membership to promote safe Infant sleep practices among parents, caregivers and particularly fathers in an effort to reduce the risk of sudden unexpected infant death focusing on the African American Communities. This session will highlight the details of the initiative focusing on the development of this national partnerships and its effort to achieve equity in birth outcomes in throughout the United States.  **Method and extent of audience participation** This session will use various methods of instruction including presentation, large group discussions, hands on learning opportunities, and dissemination of resource materials.  **Proposed content area and why it is important to participants** Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated, is a private, not-for-profit organization that has over 150,000 members, with approximately 721 undergraduate and alumni chapters in every state of the United States, and international chapters in the United Kingdom, Bermuda, Germany, Korea, Japan, Virgin Islands, and South Africa. On a national level, Kappa is organized into twelve Provinces across the country.  Each Province has an annual meeting where health screenings are conducted and bi-annually, the National Conclave meeting is attended by members from all twelve provinces; on average 4,000-5,000 members annually attend.  The Fraternity conducts several community outreach programs. Healthy Kappas, Healthy Communities (HK/HC) is the national health & wellness initiative. Chronic conditions exert a major burden on the quality of life and life expectancy of all Americans. This is particularly true for vulnerable populations, such as those with a history of disparities in care, lack of knowledge about chronic diseases or how to manage them, poor access to health services, or other causes for suboptimal outcomes. The intent of HK/HC is to address these problems at the grassroots level by mobilizing the membership of Kappa to provide health and wellness focused activities across the U.S., through partnerships with stakeholders locally, regionally, and nationally. The Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity is working through its membership to promote safe sleep practices among parents and caregivers—particularly fathers—in an effort to reduce the risk of sudden unexpected infant death. The membership as been charged with communicating the important role men have in being able to teach other men such as fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, and other community stakeholders about the ways to reduce SIDS and other sleep-related causes of infant death.   The broad goals of the Initiative are to: 1. Collaborate on efforts to educate Kappa membership in an effort to build alliances within communities to assist in education and awareness activities around SIDS and other sleep-related causes of infant death. 2.  Communicate the important role men have in being able to teach other men such as fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, and other community stakeholders about the ways to reduce SIDS and other sleep-related causes of infant death  Overall, Kappa membership is working to help other men become not only healthy men but healthy and good fathers. Through a series of discussion focused on lessons learned, share wisdom that can be passed on to others in an effort to reduce infant mortality and improve perinatal outcomes. | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | **CONTACT** | | | Name: | **Stacy** | | Lastname: | **Scott** | | E-mail: | **sscott@inblackprint.com** | | Country: | **USA - United States of America** | | Institution | **In Black Print, Inc** | | Cellphone: | **419 490-5993** | | City: | **Jackson** | |