

GRAND CHAPTER NEWS

The Fraternity

Kappa Alpha Psi is a collegiate Greek-letter fraternity with a predominantly African-American membership. It was founded on January 5, 1911 at Indiana University Bloomington. The president of the national fraternity is known as the Grand Polemarch, who assigns a Province Polemarch for each of the twelve provinces (regions) of the nation. The fraternity has many notable members recognized as leaders in the arts, athletics, business, civil rights, education, government and science sectors at the local, national and international level.

The Partnership

The fraternity is partnering with the NICHD on the Safe Sleep Kappa Fatherhood Initiative, in an effort to teach fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, and other community stakeholders about ways to reduce SIDS and other sleep-related causes of infant death.

A Community of Committed Men



Grand Polemarch Mr. Thomas Battles

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Fatherhood Infant Safe Sleep Initiative

In 2015, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. through a Memorandum of Understanding established the Fatherhood Infant Safe Sleep Initiative. Since the launch of the initiative, the following has been achieved: Across Kappa membership, foundational knowledge continues to increase on how to best promote infant safe sleep practices and





Education & Outreach

- Across Kappa membership, foundational knowledge is increasing on how to promote infant safe sleep practices and recommendations.
- Protocols have been put in place that added Safe Sleep messaging to the Membership Training Academy curriculum to insure all new membership trained on best practices.
- Outreach activities have begun nationwide in promoting the Safe Sleep messaging – facilitating the delivery of educational STS materials to support community outreach by Kappa Chapter.

recommendations; protocols have been put in place that added safe sleep messaging to the Membership Training Academy curriculum to insure all new members are trained on best practices; and outreach activities have begun nationwide in promoting safe sleep messages, facilitating the delivery of educational materials to support community outreach by Kappa Chapters. In addition, over 5,000 Kappa men trained, over 150 community events conducted and over \$350,000.00 raised from various funding sources have helped to support infant safe sleep outreach

Project Time Line

April, 2015

St. Louis, Missouri --
Midwestern Province
Meeting

The Ask: Kappa agreed to
champion the Safe Sleep
Initiative

June, 2015

New Orleans, LA --
National Board Meeting

Initial meeting with
Province health and
wellness coordinators

August, 2015

New Orleans, LA -- National Convention

Kickoff of National Safe Sleep Initiative.

September 2015

Chapter Training begins

January/April 2016

Chapter Training Continues Community
Events Begin

May 2016

Little Rock, AR -- Brothers United



June, 2016

Columbus, Ohio -- Community Outreach

November, 2016

SIDS Sunday: Akron, Ohio, Arkansas, Columbus, Ohio.

New York City -- Humanitarian Award from 1st Candle.

January, 2017

Atlanta, GA -- Founder's Day.

March, 2017

Jackson, MS -- Kickoff of Changing a Tradition, Changing a Position with Mrs. Battles as the national spokesperson.

Jackson, MS -- Southwestern Province Council over 420 new Kappa Membership trained

Tulsa, OK - Middle Western Council

SIDS Education and Give-A-Way to local domestic violence shelter



April, 2017

Columbus, OH -- East Central Province Council.

SID Education and Crib-A-Way to local faith-based institution

May, 2017

Jacksonville, FL -- Southern Province Council Crib Giveaway at Local High School

Columbus, OH -- Safe Sleep Expo.

June, 2017

Columbus, OH -- Kickoff for Brothers United.

Columbus, OH -- SIDS Sunday at Mr. Hermon Church.

For information about the initiative

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