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- Establishes an education program to provide information to expectant parents about shaken baby syndrome.
- Information will be available on-line through the Department of Health's website.
- Material is also provided to parents through hospitals, child birth educators, pediatricians and obstetricians. Child care workers are also given the information.
- Immunity is provided for those required to distribute the information.
- Child abuse cases that involve SBS will be required to be flagged through the Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS).
- SACWIS reports child abuse cases to ODJFS.
- ODJFS is then required to report those cases to the Director of the Department of Health.

Facts on Shaken Baby Syndrome**

- It is estimated that there are as many as 1500 cases of shaken baby syndrome each year in the United States.
- There is not adequate tracking of cases in the states or nationally.
- The prevalence of the problem is underestimated because many cases are misdiagnosed and there are not good reporting systems.
- The majority of victims are under the age of 6 months.
- Roughly 20% of cases are fatal within the first few days of injury.

25% of SBS victims die

33% of SBS victims suffer life-long disabilities

42% of SBS have brain damage, learning disabilities, hearing and or sight loss, cerebral palsy and paralysis

70% of perpetrators are male, ----fathers, stepfathers and boyfriends

60% of cases show signs of previous injuries

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