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Baby Sleep Tips - Developing Sleep Associations

By Brandon C. Hall

Everyone who has had the experience of being a parent knows all too well the difficulties of getting your baby to sleep soundly throughout the night. The dark circles around the eyes of new parents are usually familiar to all those that have been around them. In terms of baby sleep tips, one of the most important things you must try and establish as a parent is getting your baby to learn to fall asleep on his own. The process by which your child begins to fall asleep on his own is one that involves a natural transition from falling asleep with the mother to falling asleep in an independent fashion. One of the best ways in which you can speed up this transition is to encourage your child to develop sleep associations that he or she can recreate independently.

Naturally, everyone - and babies in particular - will develop sleep associations. These are the things that you associate with bedtime, and allow you to create an environment in which it is easy to fall asleep. When your baby is at an extremely young age, he will naturally develop sleep associations involving the mother, as he will often fall asleep in her arms. As you attempt to get your baby to sleep in his own, however, it is crucial that you work to change these associations.

If you always put your child to sleep by holding him, or allowing him to use a pacifier, you create a sleep association with these things. Then, when your child wakes up in the middle of the night, he can't go back to sleep on his own because he is unable to recreate his sleeping environment without you: he needs you to feed him or rock him in order to sleep.

As you begin to try and get your child to sleep on his own, you should introduce items into his sleeping routine that he can sleep with, such as a particular blanket or a stuffed animal. What this will do is create associations for your child with these items for sleep. Then, when he awakes in the middle of the night, he will be able to recreate a sleeping environment without your assistance by grabbing his stuffed animal, etc. It can also be beneficial to introduce "transitional items" into your baby's bedtime routine: Allow him to have his stuffed animal or blanket with him during a final feeding and before-bedtime activities, and allow him to take these things with him to bed.

No matter what you do, your child is going to be creating his or her own sleep associations. Your job is to try and create associations with items that are under his or her control. By giving your child as much control over his sleeping environment as possible, you allow him to begin to achieve sleep

independently. The most difficult transition in early parenting is the one towards independent sleep for your child, and if you introduce new items into your child's sleeping place, you will hasten this transition, which will soon allow both you and your child to get a good night's rest.

Brandon C. Hall maintains (<http://www.freeinfoblog.com>) which contains many articles and resources on baby sleep tips at (<http://www.freeinfoblog.com/category/baby-sleep-tips>). There is also information on dozens of other topics.

Baby Sleep Problems Tips And Information.

By Malcolm Moorhouse

Here are some tips to help you with your baby sleep problems, one way to deal with your child's sleep problems is keep your him or her calm during the day, also some people suggest tiring the child out during the day so that he or she will sleep through the night. However a baby will also need their parent to help and guide them through any problems that arise in the first few months after pregnancy.

Its good to be aware that baby sleep problems can be caused by lots of other conditions and problems, such as illness, blocked nose, soiled nappy, pain, hunger or thirst, environmental factors like noise and many other causes. Because your baby is not able to communicate verbally, you will have to be alert and on the ball, so that you can provide them with proper treatment straight away.

Baby's sleep patterns stages:

During the first three or four months after your pregnancy, a baby requires approximately 15 hours sleep in every 24 hrs. Baby sleep problems often happen during this period because your newborn will only stay asleep for about 4 hours at a time, which is normal. This means you should not expect to have uninterrupted sleep for the first 3 to 4 months and take this time to keep a eye on your baby in case of possible health problems developing.

Also be aware that baby sleep problems and uninterrupted sleep for parents may last for up to 6 months or more; however this can also vary from one baby to an other. Although, you can always help your child with these baby sleep problems by having a bedtime routine that you and your baby follow from the start.

The resistance of the baby to actually go to sleep is probably one of the most common of baby sleep problems. Six to eight week old baby's only sleep approximately 2 hrs at a time. So you as a parent need to see the signs that your child is ready to go to sleep. Knowing how to spot these signs and also being able to deal with your child's sleep problems a very essential part of parenthood. One sure sign your baby is getting sleepy is when they rub their eyes or twiddle their ears, so be sure to pay attention

It is important to understand your baby's sleep patterns to get him or her to bed when they're sleepy. Once you have mastered these, you will know instinctively when to put him or her to bed and therefore avoiding any unnecessary baby sleep problems. Lots of parents just don't teach their baby about the difference between day and night. This is an important step in developing a proper bedtime routine that needs to be introduced as soon as possible after the pregnancy.

Baby sleep problems should not trouble you or your baby once you have got passed the first 6 months, By teaching them about having a regular bedtime and understanding his or her sleep patterns, you have helped to remove your child's sleep problems, so they will hopefully sleep well every night.

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