



Spring-for-SIDS

Planning Packet Instructions

Thank you for your interest in participating in the National *Spring-for-SIDS* Campaign. You are joining thousands of others across the country in the fight against Sudden Infant Death. There are **(2)** sets of materials that you need in order to hold a *Spring-for-SIDS* event: **1. The Planning Packet** (that you have downloaded) and the **2. The Implementation Packet**. These materials will help you get started as you encourage others in your group or organization to help and as you develop your promotional materials. Once you have reviewed the planning packet and have signed up online, the implementation packet will be sent to you by mail. It will contain: *informational cards with stickers, sign-up sheets and instructions for submission of funds raised.*

The **Planning Packet** contains the following:

1. *Spring-for-SIDS Facts Sheet*. This sheet explains exactly what the campaign is all about and how it works.
2. *Captains' Check-Off List*. This will help guide you in the steps that must be completed to successfully plan and implement a local SFS event.
3. *Sample Promotional Materials*. These 3 materials are MSWord documents and should be edited to reflect your organization and the specifics of your SFS campaign. All information in red must be deleted and your information added in its place. The three sample documents are:
 - ◆ *Sample Announcement*. This announcement can be mailed or easily attached to an email and sent to all potential SFS participants. Replace the insertions in red type with your own information. In addition to adding the name of your organization, specify when and where stickers will be sold, give details of all events held in conjunction with SFS and give your team name for on-line donations. If the event is being held in memory of an infant who died of SIDS, add that information as well.
 - ◆ *Sample Poster*. This is a poster version of the above announcement without event details. Again, replace all insertions in red with your specific information. Print and post in strategic locations to raise awareness about the event.
 - ◆ *Sample News Release*. This is a sample informational sheet that you can send to your local newspaper to inform them of your Spring-for-SIDS campaign. All text in red type must be deleted and your information inserted. If there is a spokesperson from your organization who is willing to be interviewed, add that person's contact information. If the event is being held in memory of a particular infant, and the parents are willing to be interviewed, insert their names. Simply omit any information that does not apply. After you have customized the news release, call the newspaper to see to whom it should be sent. Offer to meet with them, provide photos (if they want to do a follow-up story) and generally do what you can to make their job easier.

After reviewing these materials, if you have questions, please email us at sfs@sids.org or call 239-431-5425. **Thank you.**