

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

Improving the Quality of
Newborn Care in Arkansas



NURSERY ALLIANCE

Arkansas Children's Hospital Nursery Alliance



For more than 100 years, Arkansas Children's has cared for the most critically injured and ill children in the region. Yet, by most national measures of child health and well-being,

Arkansas ranks in the bottom 10 of the 50 states. The state's infant mortality rates are among the highest in the country: out of every 1,000 live births, eight babies die. The children of Arkansas deserve better.

Thankfully, there is hope. Healthcare leaders across the state are on a mission to improve infant mortality rates and improve healthcare delivery for infants in Arkansas.

Arkansas Children's Hospital has the only Arkansas Department of Health-designated Level IV Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) in the state. As such, Arkansas Children's Hospital created the Arkansas Children's Hospital Nursery Alliance in 2016 to assist allied hospitals in providing expert neonatal and infant care close to home in their NICUs and newborn nurseries.

"We've been retrained in neonatal resuscitation and Dr. Ashley Ross has given presentations on respiratory care including CPAP administration. To me, an educational component that we share both with physicians, nurses and respiratory therapists has been a big part of the Alliance with Arkansas Children's Hospital."

— Alan Lucas, MD
Medical Director, Nursery
Conway Regional Health System



Partners On A Mission

The Arkansas Children's Hospital Nursery Alliance was born in November 2016, with Conway Regional Health System as its first partner. The alliance established coordination of care between neonatologists at ACH's Level IV Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and physicians in Conway Regional's Level II NICU and newborn nursery to help improve the quality of newborn care and keep sick infants close to home.

Part of Arkansas Children's statewide network of care, the Nursery Alliance facilitates training, sharing of best practices and coordination of care between physicians, nurses and other clinical staff at the ACH NICU and physicians and staff at newborn nurseries and lower-level NICUs. The teams are united by one goal: improving the health of children statewide.

The ACH Nursery Alliance creates networking and learning opportunities for allied hospitals and Arkansas Children's Hospital teams to share their passion about newborn care and work together to improve the health and well-being of babies and their families.



JOIN US! Benefits of joining the ACH Nursery Alliance:

- Coordination of care
- Shared best practices and protocols
- Networking
- Comparative data for benchmarking
- Continued learning and training
- Improved health of infants in your nursery and community





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