



Ariadne and Star Legacy Foundation conclude work on Phase I of the Saving Babies Lives Care Bundle

The goal of our work with Ariadne Labs was to consider the adaptation of care bundles specific to stillbirth prevention for the United States. This type of approach has been done in the United Kingdom, Scotland, and Australia with tremendous success. At the 2019 Stillbirth Summit, Dr. Catherine Calderwood described the Scottish experience to date. If you haven't viewed her inspiring presentation, you can [view it here!](#)

We are excited to report that the team at Ariadne Labs has completed "Phase I" of this work! They were able to conduct a literature review plus 41 interviews with a combination of health professionals who have used the bundles, health professionals who would be potential users of a new bundle for the US, and individuals from the US who were currently or recently pregnant. Additionally, two focus groups were conducted to review the fetal movement element of the care bundles with currently or recently pregnant people.

The findings of this effort confirm that stillbirth prevention is not a quick or easy task, but they provide incredibly beneficial information about which elements hold the most value or should be prioritized. The interviews indicated that the areas of most interest and possibility in the United States are reducing substance use, monitoring fetal movement, and identifying fetal growth restriction. We have also identified that more work is needed to determine the feasibility of a full-scale implementation program. Star Legacy Foundation is working with a number of experts, researchers, and organizations to make that happen. We look forward to sharing more details about the next steps as they are available.

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