## COUNTY OF SAN MATEO DAD'S WORKGROUP

## Top Ten Tips To Get Your Kids to Fall Asleep

- Avoid big meals: Avoid feeding your child big meals close to bedtime. Do not provide anything containing caffeine less than six hours before bedtime.
- No television or electronics: Turn off television or other electronics before bedtime.
- 3. Warn your child 5 minutes: Warn your child that bedtime is in five minutes, or give him/her a choice.
- Read a story: It's better to read a favorite book every night than a new one because it's familiar.
- Avoid singing: Avoid singing or rocking your child to sleep. This can wakes the child in middle of the night and your child

- will want you to sing to get him/her back to sleep.
- 6. Make sure child is comfortable: Clothes and blanket should not restrict movement, and the bedroom temperature shouldn't be too warm or too cold.
- 7. Wait moments before responding: It will remind the child that he/she should be asleep and it will give a chance to soothe and fall back to asleep while waiting for you.
- 8. Remind your child its bedtime: Kindly tell your child that it is bedtime until the alarm clock goes off.
- Provide your child tools: Give your child tools to overcome worries such as stuffed animals, or flashlight.
- 10. Reward your child: Give your child a prize for sleeping thru bedtime.