



Maryland State Child Fatality Review Report

From the desk of the Chairperson

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State Team News

On March 21 the State Child Investigation Reporting Form Fatality Review Team discussed:

- 1-Local CFR recommendations
- 2-Follow up on legal issues training
- 3-Toddler drowning risks
- 4-Legislative updates
- 5-OCME Monthly Death List
- 6-Proposed CDC SUIDI - Sudden Unexplained Infant Death
- 7-DHMH Violence Reporting System (George Thorpe, MD)
- 8-Future newsletters which will focus on topics recommended by locals: safe sleep, water safety & alcohol & drug related risks.
- 9-Next State CFR meeting is Tues June 6 10AM-3PM.

2005 Recommendations of Local CFR Teams to State Team

► Contact info for all local CFR chairpersons is in the state report & while the new data system is still pending, staff changes impacting death report mailings is complete.

Funding for local teams & training remains a challenge in Maryland. We are exploring more localized training on topical issues. In addition, watch for more info on a possible statewide child death summit in the fall.

► The State Team has established an adhoc subcommittee to produce a methadone fact sheet & possible advocacy action for locals as child safety issues arose in several counties. Contact David Putsche DPutsche@dhmh.state.md.us

► Safe Sleeping issues will be this report's focus in April, but please note that the "Back to Sleep campaign is ongoing! Contact Donna Becker for info dbecker@peds.umaryland.edu.

► Water Safety & fencing issues have been raised by the American Academy of Pediatrics & will be covered in more detail following our June meeting.

► ATV's & moped safety were raised by several counties. Explore advocacy work done in WVA by contacting Mark Holmes, Coord ATV Safety Programs mholmes@dot.state.wv.us 304-558-8930.

What about 2004 Recommendations?

► Communication with locals: this newsletter, Nov training on improving local outcomes & we are currently gathering directories with contacts for local SAFEKIDS, etc. to encourage local public education & advocacy.

► Teen driving concerns? Follow 2006 legislation at www.mlis.state.md.us.

► SID/SUDI -Check out proposed CDC Reporting form www.cdc.gov & search "sudden unexplained infant death investigation."

► Teen suicide statewide education is offered annually. Mark this date Wed 10/4. Call Henry Westray WestrayH@dhmh.state.md.us for details.

► Child abuse guidelines can be clarified by local Social Services staff.