



Maryland State Child Fatality Review Report

From the desk of the Chairperson

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*Local CFR Contacts:
thanks for forwarding to
your team members.*

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Upcoming Dates

Tue Sept 19 10AM-3PM

*MD State Child Fatality
Review Team*

1/4ly meeting at MDOT

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Tue Nov 14 9AM-4PM

*Annual Training for
local Child Fatality
Review Teams*

Watch for details!

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Sep 13 Web Cast: Taking Action to Keep Kids Alive

Are you a child death review team member or injury & violence prevention professional looking for answers? Have you identified an injury issue but don't have time to research effective prevention strategies? Are you looking for education & training? If so, **don't miss the upcoming MCHCOM.COM Web cast "Taking Action to Keep Kids Alive: Connecting to National Resources" Wed, Sep 13, 2006 2-3:30 pm EDT.**

Progress on Definition of Near Fatality

On Aug 17, the State Team duty: "in consultation with locals... to define near fatality, & develop procedures & protocols... that may be used to review cases of near fatality" was discussed via teleconference. Near fatality review is a local decision that can help identify system issues common in child deaths. Maureen Edwards, MD & Rich Lichtenstein, MD,

Host: Health Resources & Services Admin., Maternal & Child Health Bureau & the Nat'l Center for Child Death Review Policy & Practice.

Register at <http://www.mchcom.com>
Goals: Provide examples of how local & state child death review teams & injury & violence professionals can access resources to implement recommendations and/or prevention programs. Demonstrate support & guidance available through HRSA resource centers.

both State CFR members, & 8 local CFR reps plus 3 partners from MIEMMS participated. The CAPTA definition: "...an act that, as certified by a physician, places a child in serious or critical condition" is most often used by those few states who review near fatality. Details of the discussion, concerns & alternatives will be presented at the State Team meeting on Sept 19.

Revision of MD Child Fatality Review Guidelines Underway

On Aug 24, State Team members, Eileen McInerney & Sally Dolch began CFR Guidelines revisions with Dr. Lorne Garretson (Montgomery CFR), Joan Patterson, Dr. Supriya Janakiraman (intern) & emailed input from Anne Arundel & Caroline counties. Areas recommended for updates, clarifications include: 1-OCME practices in child deaths, 2-development & dissemination of CFR annual report, 3-placing Health General 5-708 in the document, 4-expansion of the 'Implementing Recommendations' section, 5-distinctions between Fetal Infant Mortality Review & CFR, 6-litigation advice & 7-an expanded confidentiality discussion including the HIPPA letter & standard forms for confidentiality. This is not an exhaustive list. Additional input is welcome, as is participation at the Sep 27 1PM meeting at DHMH. You can also still email suggestions for improving the utility of the Guidelines to Sally Dolch sdolch@juno.com or to Joan Patterson jpatterson@dnhm.state.md.us. Our goal is final approval of the revised document by the State Team at the March 2007 meeting.