



Maryland State Child Fatality Review Team Report

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State Meeting Dates 2007

Tues Sept 18

**Tues Dec 4 @MDOT
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State Team 2007 Priorities based on Local Need

At their May 15th meeting State CFR Team members prioritized three of 13 statutory duties for 2007:

- 1-Obtain funding for the computerized data system
- 2-Plan annual conference - working to meet local CFR needs identified in their annual reports
- 3-Develop protocol to study near fatalities.

Local CFR Team recommendations from 2006 annual reports clustered in 4 areas:

- 1- all terrain vehicle (ATV) use & safety
- 2-need for more teen suicide prevention information
- 3-monitoring of home schooled children (specifically immunizations)
- 4-investigation of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) cases

State Team Membership

The State CFR Team's membership is established in statute: 12 representatives of state agencies, 2 members of the American Academy of Pediatrics & 11 members of the general public who have interest & expertise in child safety.

Currently there are only 7 general public members serving on the State Team. Professional, geographic & racial/cultural diversity are important. **Can you recommend an interested citizen who will share their expertise & commit to attending at least 4 meetings a year in the Baltimore area?** There is presently no member from Western Maryland & one each from the Eastern Shore, Southern MD & the Northeast Corridor.

Submit names to Joan Patterson jpatterson@dhmh.state.md.us to be sent to the DHMH Appointment's Office. Applications of recommended persons are sent to the Governor's Office.

Suicide Prevention Conference

**Mark your calendar for Linkages to Life
Wednesday, October 3, 2007!**

Maryland's 19th Annual Suicide Prevention Conference keynote is: Michael Trout, Director, Infant-Parent Institute, Inc.

Trout has produced 15 documentary films for universities & clinics based on his experience in private practice with families & children of all ages. His presentation will focus on attachment issues & a showing of his video: **Multiple Transitions: A Young Child's Point of View**. The unique feature of this work is the absence of adult perspectives. Trout's goal is to bring the teachings of children to folks in a position to make a difference in children's lives!

Questions? Need more info about the conference or suicide prevention in general?

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SAFE KIDS recommends designated WATER WATCHERS

As the season of water sports gets underway, water safety issues loom large! "Safe Kids recommends adults take turns serving as the designated *water watcher* whose sole responsibility is to actively supervise children in or near the water (& not allowing themselves to be distracted by common practices such as eating, reading, talking to others, talking on cell phones, or napping). Active supervision means that the adult can always see & hear the child & stays close enough to intervene in an emergency! www.usa.safekids.org offers a variety of water safety resources.

You may also want to check out this report on Lifeguard Effectiveness: www.cdc.gov/ncipc/lifeguard/LifeguardReport.pdf .