

The Objectives of Fetal Infant Mortality Review

1. To examine and identify the significant health, social, economic, cultural, safety and education systems' factors that are associated with fetal and infant mortality through review of individual cases
2. To plan and implement a series of interventions and policies that address these factors to improve the service systems and community resources
3. To participate in the implementation of community-based interventions and policies
4. To assess the progress of the community-based interventions
5. To identify barriers to care and trends in service delivery and suggests ideas to improve policies and services that affect families.
6. To recognize when indicators of maternal and infant health status are changing for the worse (e.g., rates of fetal, infant or post neonatal mortality, or rates of preterm births are increasing)
7. To use findings to identify and address racial disparities and inequity in pregnancy outcomes



FIMR IS:

- an action-oriented process leading to creative ideas to improve
- community resources and service systems for women, infants and families
- a timely and valuable source of information about changing health care systems and how they affect real families trying to access them
- a community coalition that promotes volunteerism and good citizenship and will translate into local accountability and pride
- a community coalition that can represent all ethnic and cultural views in the community and becomes a model of respect and understanding
- an effective strategy to address maternal and infant health disparities with specific community action, which is culturally appropriate and championed by respected community messengers
- a cost-saving process maximizing efficient use of local services and resources
- a strategy that improves communication among health and human service providers
- a method that takes the most successful process, continuous quality improvement, to produce better products and applies it to produce better health care for children and families
- a voice for local families who have lost their baby
- a tool that helps local health officials achieve the core public health functions of assessment, assurance and policy development to safeguard families
- a methodology thoroughly evaluated by Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and found to be an effective perinatal systems intervention