



**Q&A from NCFRP Webinar on Reviewing Deaths of Children and
Infants with Disabilities and Special Health Care Needs
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- **Are premature infants a risk group and in need of support from the Children with Special Health Care Needs program?**

Yes, they are eligible for CSHCN if they meet eligibility criteria in a state, and, yes, they are a group at risk for infant death.

- **Will your Brief give suggestions on how to set up programs to address CYSHCN as a more targeted population?**

No, unfortunately, the Guidance does not go into that level of detail. State agencies that house CYSHCN and disability services are the best places to go for such inquiry and advocacy.

- **For school information, can you talk about intermediate or consolidated school districts as the place where services come from?**

Whether school districts have Intermediate or Consolidated School Districts will vary by state, so there is no uniform answer to the question. Michigan is an example of a state where many education services for students with disabilities are centralized to an extent in Intermediate School Districts, which provide those services for more than one school district. However, for the most part, classrooms remain within the individual school districts.

- **Has anyone looked at drownings data in regard to those with Developmental Disabilities or Autism as well as those children who wander/run - and become endangered?**

Yes, there is research about the increased risk of children with disabilities to unintentional injuries such as drowning and wandering. This is addressed in the Guidance at p. 15.

- **You mentioned constipation as one of the fatal 4. How does this cause death in infants and toddlers?**

I'm sorry, I don't know the medical mechanism for death from constipation.