Fetal and Infant Mortality Review & Child Death Review in the US

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The National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention
MCHB Vision for the Integrated Fatality Review and Prevention Center

- One coordinated data and technical support center that builds upon data collection and coordinated strategies to prevent fetal, infant, and child deaths while preserving unique components of these two diverse processes.
- Improvement in the quality and effectiveness of the CDR and FIMR processes and data collected.
- State and community CDR and FIMR programs use their data to design and propose changes to policy and practice which can reduce adverse maternal, infant, child, and adolescent outcomes.
- Dissemination of results nationally and increased availability and use of data to inform prevention efforts.
Objectives

1. Expand and support standardized data collection and quality improvement.
2. Provide leadership, training, and technical support to the FIMR and CDR programs.
3. Develop a centralized national network to coordinate and disseminate information and findings related to FIMR and CDR.
4. Facilitate the translation of recommendations from CDR and FIMR programs into action and practice.
The web of reviews

- Child Fatality
  - Maternal Mortality Review
  - Internal Child Welfare Agency Review
  - State Child Fatality Review
  - Citizen Review Panel
  - Fetal & Infant Mortality Review
  - Domestic Violence Fatality Review
  - Military Domestic Violence Fatality Review
  - Military Child Fatality Review
  - Regional Child Fatality Review
  - Local Child Fatality Review

- Elder Death Review

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FIMR is...

Case Selection

Family contacted

Records abstraction

Maternal interview

Creation of Case summary

Case Review

Community Action Team

Goal: Fix system gaps to improve health

FIMR PROCESS: Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)
An engaged, multidisciplinary community, telling a child’s story, one child at a time, to understand the causal pathway that leads to a child’s death to identify pre-existing vulnerabilities and circumstances- in order to identify how to interrupt the pathway for other children....
Prevention

Improved agency systems

Improved identification, diagnosis and reporting

Improved communication

Review
CDR and FIMR Annual Assessment

- FIMR assessment of local teams and 16 state coordinators: 136 of 175 coordinators responded (78%)
- CDR State Profile Assessment: 46 of 51 state coordinators (90%)
## Where are Teams?

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<th>CDR in all 50 states and Washington DC</th>
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<td>175 local FIMR teams</td>
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<td>Tribes plan &amp; participate in FIMR in WI, WY, MI Intertribal Health Council has own their FIMR</td>
<td>Team on Navajo Nation. Some tribes participate in MT, MI, AZ, OK</td>
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FIMR Teams by State, April 2018

Key: FIMR Teams

- Yes (n=33)*
- No

* Including 30 States, DC, Puerto Rico, and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Local FIMR Team Agency Home-2016

- **City/County Health Department**: 74%
- **Healthy Start**: 11%
- **Perinatal coalition**: 5%
- **Other**: 10%
FIMR and Healthy Start

- 34% FIMR respondents reported that they have a Healthy Start in their community and they coordinate.
- 15% FIMR respondents reported that there is Healthy Start but they do not coordinate with the program.
State Agency Support

- 8 states have FIMR state coordinators
- 50 States, Guam and Navajo have State CDR coordinators

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There are 43 State Level Advisory Boards/Teams
• 42 make state level recommendations (98%)
• 31 author Annual Reports (72%)
• 29 review local findings (67%)
• 24 conduct case reviews (56%)
Legislation

• Laws mandate or enable CDR in 45 states, Guam, Navajo Nation and Washington DC; 37 of these mandate state teams and 36 mandate or permit local teams. Legislation includes membership, funding, access to records, confidential discussion, protection of members and reporting requirements.

• Most FIMR teams have legislation to prevent discoverability
Success Stories

• Stand up
• Find a partner you do not know
• Share one success from your team
Looking forward

- Institutionalize partnerships
- Improving data quality
- Collaboration between fatality review teams
- Translating data into recommendations