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Dear:

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the (COUNTY) Child Death Review Team.

Per NRS 432B.403 the purpose of organizing multidisciplinary teams to review the death of children pursuant to NRS 432B.403 to 432B.4095, inclusive, is to:

1. Review the records of selected cases of deaths of children under 18 years of age in this State;
2. Review the records of selected cases of deaths of children under 18 years of age who are residents of Nevada and who die in another state;
3. Assess and analyze such cases;
4. Make recommendations for improvements to laws, policies and practice;
5. Support the safety of children; and
6. Prevent future deaths of children.

The (COUNTY) Child Death Review Team meets (monthly/bi-monthly/quarterly) with our next meeting on (date of meeting at time of meeting) .

Enclosed please find some additional information that may be useful to you regarding the process of Child Death Review Teams and the review process that is used by the team.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact at the information below.

Sincerely,

(Chair and Contact Info)

NEVADA CHILD FATALITY REVIEW - FACT SHEET

Each year hundreds of children ages birth to 18 years die in Nevada and most of these deaths are preventable. A child's death is devastating not only to the family, but also to the community as a whole. Child death reviews were established in an effort to ascertain ways to prevent future child deaths by reviewing cases in depth, in a collaborative manner with multiple stakeholders. Below is a quick guide of the information and tools needed to establish, manage, and evaluate effective review teams and team meetings.

- The purpose, organization, and functions of the regional CDR teams are mandated by the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS), 432B.403-409.
- There are a total of 6 CDR teams statewide:
 - Clark County Team
 - Washoe County Team
 - Elko Team: Elko, Eureka, Humboldt and Lander
 - Fallon Team: Churchill, Lyon, Pershing, and Mineral Counties
 - Pahrump Team: Esmeralda, Lincoln, Nye and White Pine Counties
 - Carson Team: Carson, Douglas and Storey Counties
- Each team reviews all child deaths within their region, Clark meets monthly, Washoe meets bi-monthly and the rural teams meet quarterly unless there are no deaths to review. Members of the CDR teams are required by law to provide any information they may have from their organization pertaining to the death of the child under review.
- Confidentiality agreements must be completed before participating in meetings.
- A review should focus on prevention and should lead to effective recommendations and actions to prevent deaths and keep children healthy, safe and protected. Six steps to conducting an effective review: (1) Share, question and clarify all case information (2) Discuss the investigation (3) Discuss the delivery of services (4) Identify risk factors (5) Recommend system improvements (6) Identify and take action to implement prevention recommendations.
- The Executive Committee serves the function of supporting the regional teams through the provision of training, technical assistance and access to top level administrators for implementation of strategies to prevent child death. There five primary responsibilities of the Executive Committee:
 - Adopt statewide protocols for the review of the death of a child.
 - Oversee training and the development of regional CDR teams.
 - Compile and distribute a statewide annual report, including statistics and recommendations for regulatory and policy changes
 - Financial responsibility for the Review of Death of Children Account.

Child welfare agencies in Nevada believe families are the primary providers for children's needs. The safety and well-being of children is dependent upon the safety and well-being of all family members. Children, youth and families are best served when staff actively listens to them and invite participation in decision-making. We support full implementation of family centered practice by engaging families in child and family teams and offering individualized services to build upon strengths and meet the identified needs of the family.