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ANNOUNCING: THE SUDDEN UNEXPECTED INFANT DEATH (SUID) PREVENTION PROGRAM

The American Academy of Pediatrics was awarded the three-year cooperative agreement from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) July 2022.

The AAP is partnering with the National Institute of Children's Health Quality (NICHQ) and the National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention (National Center) on this program with the overall goal of reducing the rates of SUID and reduce racial and ethnic disparities in SUID. The SUID Prevention Program has three priorities: establish a collaborative of national safe sleep organizations and stakeholders, increase pediatric providers' awareness and participation of child death review (CDR) and fetal and infant mortality review (FIMR) data, and create culturally-conscious, family-oriented safe sleep educational opportunities and resources for [AAP.org/safesleep](https://www.aap.org/safesleep).

Interested in learning more about the SUID Prevention Program, AAP safe sleep initiatives, and the safe infant sleep work we are accomplishing? Join the listserv to stay connected! Email "subscribe" to safesleep@listserv.aap.org.

CDR and FIMR
Mentorship Program

PARTNER HIGHLIGHT: THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR FATALITY REVIEW AND PREVENTION



The American Academy of Pediatrics has partnered with the National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention (National Center) for this effort. The National Center is the federally funded technical support and data center serving Child Death Review (CDR) and Fetal and Infant Mortality review (FIMR) programs throughout the United States and affiliated territories.

WHAT IS CHILD DEATH REVIEW?

CDR is used to understand fatalities to improve safety. This multidisciplinary, community-oriented process brings together professionals to understanding how and why children die. This process uncovers disparities in how families are offered resources, access services, and navigate systems. It is a prevention-focused program that seeks to keep kids alive and illuminates where systems are successfully working. CDR focuses on the review of children 0-18 years of age and 21 years of age in some jurisdictions.

WHAT IS FETAL AND INFANT MORTALITY REVIEW?

FIMR is a multidisciplinary, community process that examines cases of fetal and infant deaths that is: comprehensive, de-identified, confidential, and gives voice to parents/families experience. It is a continuous quality improvement two-tiered process of data gathering, case reviews, and community action. The difference between CDR and FIMR is that FIMR includes a family perspective to foster greater commitments among teams and partners to champion greater health and racial equity in their communities. FIMR focuses on the review of stillbirths, and babies born live who do not survive until age 1.

GET INVOLVED!

Are you a physician interested in learning more about fatality review? Please complete the inquiry form [here](#) to join the CDR/FIMR Mentorship Program. The CDR/FIMR Mentorship Program is a self-paced, voluntary way to connect and collaborate with colleagues that have fatality review expertise. You must be an AAP member to participate.

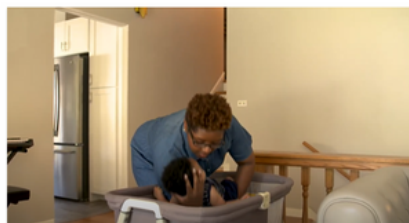
The AAP & the National Center hosted a webinar "Partnering for Prevention" on May 16th. Dr. Sara Kinsman of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and Dr. Kirsten Bechtel discussed how they have utilized and benefited from using fatality review data in practice. Watch the recording [here](#).

AAP.ORG/SAFESLEEP RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT: SAFE SLEEP TOOLKIT

This toolkit includes helpful tips on communication strategies with families, a variety of shareable videos, printable posters, infographics, and social media graphics to use in your organization's safe sleep communications. These resources are free to use. Check them out [here!](#)

Additional resources to consider: AAP Safe Infant Sleep in Early Care & Education Course. [Learn more here!](#)

Videos



Video

Safe Sleep for Babies (30 sec)

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Video

SIDS Can Happen to Anyone A
Pediatricians Story (2 mins 35 secs)

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Video

Safe Sleep for Your Baby (15 sec)

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ARE YOU A PEDIATRICIAN INTERESTED IN FATALITY REVIEW?



Join the AAP Mentorship Program to connect with Child Death Review (CDR) & Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) experts!

The Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) Prevention Program has partnered with the AAP Mentorship Program to create a unique learning opportunity for AAP member pediatricians.

Pediatricians will be connected with other pediatricians who have fatality review experience. This is a great opportunity for pediatricians who are interested in joining or starting a fatality review team to learn more!

ABOUT FATALITY REVIEW

CDR and FIMR teams are interdisciplinary community-based programs that investigate SUID fatalities. The teams provide useful recommendations based on their findings which are developed into initiatives and policies.

BECOME A MENTOR OR MENTEE

Visit the [AAP Mentorship Program Page](#) and create a profile. Under "Other Professional Areas", select "fatality review".

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