



RESEARCH & RESULTS

- Goals:
 - All child deaths considered
 - All eligible deaths reviewed
 - High participation rates for local teams
 - Analysis and meaningful recommendations

REVIEW CRITERIA

- Deaths occurring in Alabama
- Less than 18 years
- Non-natural causes including SIDS/SUID

DATA REPORTS:

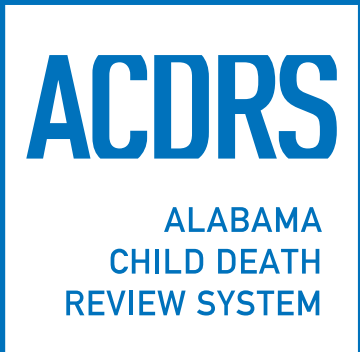
These reports are available online at alabamapublichealth.gov/cdr

EXAMPLES OF PAST ACDRS RECOMMENDATIONS

- Improved daycare safety rules
- No co-sleeping
- Smoke alarms
- Keeping infant sleep-space free of bedding
- Carbon Monoxide detectors
- Gun safety
- Suicide awareness in schools
- Swimming area safety
- No passengers in truck beds
- Better training for infant/child death investigation
- Improved ATV safety

PROTECTING OUR GREATEST RESOURCE... ALABAMA'S CHILDREN!

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Learning from the past to protect the future

MISSION

To understand how and why children die in Alabama, to prevent future child deaths.

PREVENTION:

Child deaths are often regarded as indicators of the health of a community. Every child death is a tragedy, especially for the family and friends of the children lost. However, each death also serves as a powerful warning that other children remain at risk.

WHAT IS ACDRS?

Alabama State Law signed on September 11, 1997 created ACDRS and both the State and Local Child Death Review (CDR) teams. Their task is to review, evaluate, and prevent cases of unexpected and unexplained child death.

HOW IS ACDRS FUNDED?

ACDRS is primarily funded with state tobacco settlement money through the Children's Trust Fund and Children's Rehabilitation Service. The program is administered through the Alabama Department of Public Health.

WHAT DOES ACDRS DO?

- Maintain statistics and analyze the deaths of Alabama's children
- Develop and recommend measures to help prevent future unexplained and unexpected child deaths
- Encourage legislative efforts
- Educate the public

LEARNING FROM THE PAST TO PROTECT THE FUTURE

The primary purpose of ACDRS is PREVENTION, not prosecution. This is achieved through statistical analysis, education, advocacy efforts, and local community involvement.

ACDRS ORGANIZATION

- **ACDRS State Office**
 - Branch Director
 - Program Manager
 - Program Coordinator
 - Epidemiologist
 - Health Educator
- **ACDRS State Team**
 - 28 members from all over the state
 - Multidisciplinary approach
- **ACDRS Local Team**
 - At least one team for each Judicial Circuit in Alabama
 - Members are local individuals and officials
 - Multidisciplinary approach

ACDRS SUCCESSES

Legislation passed supported by ACDRS

- "Safe Place" - 2000
- Graduated Driver's License - 2000 and enhanced in 2010
- "Baby Douglas" Daycare Medication - 2004
- "Child Passenger Safety" Law - 2006
- Alabama SUIDI Law - 2011
- Alabama Sports Concussion Law - 2011

Since ACDRS was established

- Fewer total child deaths
- Fewer deaths meeting review criteria
- Online Data Reporting System

Education Programs

- "Teen Driver Safety"
- "Safety for Sleeping Babies"
- "Safe to Sleep"
- "Cribs for Kids"
- "Suicide Prevention"
- "ATV Safety"
- "Abusive Head Trauma"

