

FIMR is both a multidisciplinary Case Review Team that studies de-identified fetal and infant deaths and a Community Action Team that recommends and takes action on the findings

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Fetal and Infant Deaths
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Maternal Interview Conducted
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Records Abstracted & Summarized
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FIMR Team Reviews & Makes Recommendations
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Community Action Team Makes Recommendations & Takes Action
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Improved Systems, Services & Resources for Families
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Improved Health of the Community



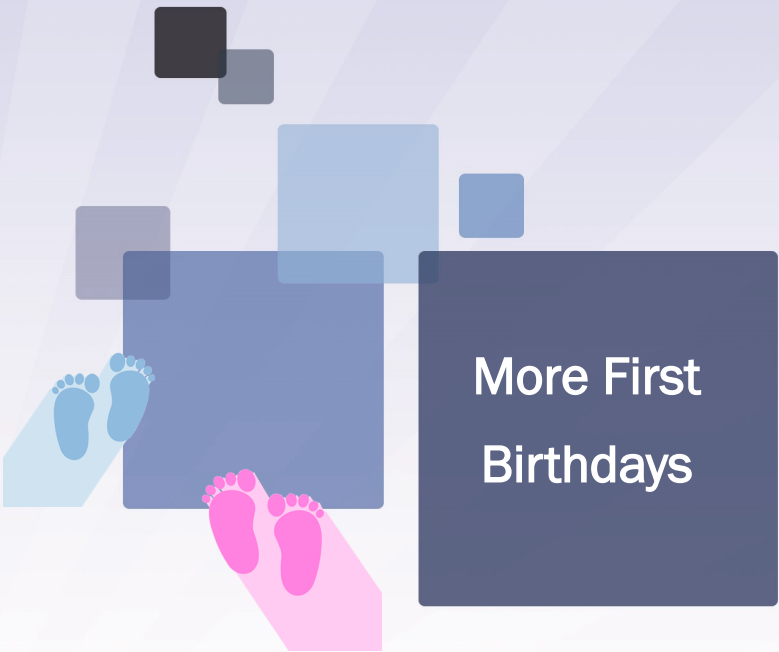
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FIMR

Fetal and Infant Mortality Review



FIMR: A Two Tiered Process

Case Review Team Role

- Reviews and analyzes the information collected in maternal interviews and medical data abstractions
- Summarizes findings and creates recommendations to improve the community service delivery systems and community resources

Community Action Team Role

- Works with the community to implement interventions to improve services and resources
- Determines if the needs of the community are changing over time and decides which interventions should be added or altered to meet the needs

FIMR Informs Title V by:

- Examining social, cultural, safety, and health systems factors that are associated with fetal and infant mortality through review of individual cases
- Identifying system barriers and problems that need improvement through de-identified case reviews
- Including maternal interview information to further identify actions needed
- Addressing ways of improving service systems and community resources to reduce future fetal and infant deaths
- Providing valuable qualitative data to use with state quantitative infant mortality data

FIMR: Continuous Quality Improvement



FIMR and Healthy Start Coordination

- Some Healthy Start programs have selected FIMR as a key strategy.
- FIMR findings may spur a community to apply for a Healthy Start Grant.
- Healthy Start members may serve on the FIMR Community Review Team and/or Action Team.
- FIMR enhances ability of communities to work together.
- FIMR brings players to a common table and improves communication among health and human services.

The National Center for Fatality Review & Prevention can provide support to your FIMR

- Technical assistance, assessing readiness, strategic planning, and training to help teams in development
- Training for new and established teams on the FIMR process: Case abstraction, de-identified case summaries, maternal interviews, and conducting effective reviews
- Standardized review models and manuals, protocols, guides to effective reviews, mortality data, and other print resources
- Support of State FIMR Coordinators and regional networks of FIMR program leaders
- Consultation and connection to experts in infant and fetal deaths, prematurity, bereavement support, and other specific types of infant deaths
- Linkage of FIMR programs to state and national maternal and child health and child programs
- Technical assistance and training to improve coordination between FIMR and CDR teams in states and/or communities