

## The National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention

The National Center was established in 2002 to provide support and technical assistance to Child Death Review teams. A standardized data collection tool was created in 2005. In 2015, the National Center was expanded to support Fetal and Infant Mortality Review teams.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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## National Fatality Review- Case Reporting System

OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESEARCH  
ON FATALITY REVIEW DATA



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## Fatality Review

Child Death Review (CDR) and Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) are teams of multidisciplinary professionals who meet to identify risk and protective factors surrounding a fetal, infant, or child death. There are more than 1,350 state and local CDR teams in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. There are 162 FIMR teams in 27 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. Case selection and scope of fatality review varies among CDR and FIMR teams. **Learn more about CDR and FIMR programs at [www.ncfrp.org](http://www.ncfrp.org).**

## National Fatality Review- Case Reporting System (NFR-CRS)

NFR-CRS is a standardized, web-based data system used by CDR and FIMR teams to collect and analyze data from case reviews. CDR case data have been collected since 2005. FIMR data have been collected since 2018. There are more than 2,800 variables in NFR-CRS, including information on the child, caregivers, supervisors, cause and manner of death, risk factors, and information about the review process. CDR and FIMR teams can also document case findings and recommendations from the review process in NFR-CRS.

Policies and guidelines for requesting de-identified NFR-CRS data for research purposes have been established. Researchers are encouraged to apply to use the data to advance our understanding of the etiology and prevention of infant and child deaths. There are numerous topics researchers might explore in the unique data available in NFR-CRS. Many peer-reviewed journal articles have been published using NFR-CRS data.

## Using the Data for Research

The NFR-CRS includes only fetal, infant, and child deaths reviewed by fatality review teams and entered into NFR-CRS; data are not population-based. Despite this limitation, NFR-CRS is a source of comprehensive data unavailable elsewhere. State names and personal identifying data are not provided to researchers.

### Requesting Access to the Data

The *Data Dissemination Policy and Guidelines* and the *Application* are available on the National Center's website. Applications are reviewed by a committee of experts who evaluate the quality of the research questions, proposed methodology, and consistency with fatality review's goals of preventing future deaths. Applications, supplemental documents, and previous publications are available at [www.ncfrp.org/data/data-dissemination/](http://www.ncfrp.org/data/data-dissemination/).