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Greetings from the Staff

Hello,

I am Jess Perfette, the Tribal Liaison with the National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention. In my role, I work closely with tribal nations and urban Indian organizations to support their efforts in building and strengthening fetal, infant, and child death review processes. I'm passionate about creating space for Native voices in fatality review, honoring local knowledge, and ensuring the work is meaningful.



Whether it's offering technical assistance, helping to start new review teams, or just listening and learning from the communities I serve, I truly believe in the power of this work to help prevent future tragedies and promote healing.



I'm an Arizona native, happily married for over 10 years, and a proud mom of two amazing boys. When I'm not working, you can usually find me on the sidelines cheering them on at soccer games or soaking up the sunshine while we swim during our hot Arizona summers. I also recently ran my first runDisney Challenge- a half marathon and 10K back-to-back- and loved every minute of it! My family is my biggest motivation, and they remind me every day why this work matters. I'm honored to walk alongside tribal communities in this space and to support their efforts to protect and care for their own children and families.

With you in the work,
Jess Perfette

Upcoming Events

Webinar on Teen Driver Safety with Children's Safety Network

The National Center, in collaboration with Children's Safety Network, is pleased to announce an upcoming webinar titled **Teen Driver Safety: Tools to Inform Fatality Review**, happening June 26, 2025, from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm EST.

Attendees will gain an overview of motor vehicle injuries, exploring the scope of the problem alongside effective prevention strategies. A written guidance on the topic will be featured, providing essential tools for effective review and prevention efforts. Additionally, a state-level partner will share insights on collaborating with CDR and Title V programs.

The primary audience for this webinar comprises fatality review teams dedicated to preventing teen driver injuries. [Click here to register.](#)



Webinar on Documenting Prevention in Fatality Review

The National Center will be hosting an upcoming webinar titled **Documenting Prevention: Outcomes and Impacts of Fatality Review**, happening June 27, 2025, from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm EST.

Attendees will learn how to identify, define, and document prevention outcomes. The webinar will also showcase the National Center’s new approach to capturing aggregate prevention outcomes. The key audience for this webinar includes CDR coordinators, FIMR coordinators, and fatality review team members.

[Click here to register.](#)

Summer Office Hours with the National Center

June 17, 2025: Quality Assurance Practices

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm EST

July 15, 2025: Connecting Teams to Tribal Resources

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm EST

August 19, 2025: Meaningful Data Visualizations

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm EST

[Learn more and register for Office Hours.](#)

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with Lauren Sawyer at lsawyer@mphi.org.

Kudos Corner

FIMR Team Launches in Washington

Thurston County, Washington, received [recognition from local news outlets](#) for its efforts to create the state's first FIMR team. The team's work on stillbirth prevention through fetal movement monitoring and intention to center the community in their work were highlighted. The team also conducts family interviews and hopes to collect informative data through this process.

Congratulations to Program Coordinator Lisa Ostler and her team on this feature of their important, necessary work!

Data Matters



Supervision Guidance Now Available

Supervision is key to preventing unintentional child injuries, particularly among children less than 6 years old. However, determining whether a child was supervised and if supervision was needed can be challenging for fatality review teams. Although the Pediatric National Fatality Review Case Reporting System (Pediatric NFR-CRS)'s data dictionary advises how to record supervision, the National Center often receives questions on how to complete the supervision questions in the Pediatric NFR-CRS.

In response to these queries and ongoing efforts to improve data quality and consistency in the Pediatric NFR-CRS, the National Center has developed a guidance document. "Documenting Supervision in the Pediatric National Fatality Review-Case Reporting System" is [now available to read and download](#). It provides:

- Definitions of supervision and supervisor.
- Recommendations for completing the supervision priority variables.
- Recommendations for circumstances that present challenges for determining supervision, including:
 - Supervision of infants.
 - Supervision of older children.
 - Supervision of children in motor vehicles.
 - Supervision when the manner of death is natural, homicide, or suicide.
 - Supervision when the child dies in the hospital.
 - Children left home alone, and siblings or other children as supervisors.

Resources for Prevention

New Resource from the Suicide Prevention Resource Center

The Suicide Prevention Resource Center has released new [State Infrastructure Success Stories](#). These stories highlight real-life efforts to build suicide prevention infrastructure by state or territory.

Six essential elements make up the infrastructure: authorize, lead, partner, examine, build, and guide. Examples of success stories include a youth suicide

prevention campaign launching in California and legislative efforts in Utah to require suicide prevention coordinator positions in their state government.

State Infrastructure Success Stories are now available as a resource for fatality and injury prevention professionals.

2024 Safe Sleep Summit Summary Report Now Available

Safe Kids Worldwide is pleased to share its [2024 Safe Sleep Summit Summary Report](#). This report highlights four sessions from the day-long Summit and key takeaways from speakers and panelists. The Summit hosted more than 150 professionals from a range of fields, including child fatality review, pediatricians, academic researchers, and product manufacturers.

Please contact Ann Schroepfel at aschroepfel@safekids.org with any questions or comments.



New Resources from Children's Safety Network

New resources are now available from Children's Safety Network.

[Child Safety National Public Health Partners Resource Guide](#): This guidance allows Title V agencies to learn about national public health organizations working in child safety. Descriptions of each agency or organization are available, along with opportunities to connect and work collaboratively.

[Preventing Pediatric Vehicular Heatstroke \(archived webinar\)](#): This webinar

gives viewers an overview of environmental, behavioral, and vehicular factors that contribute to preventing pediatric vehicular heatstroke (PVH).

[Insights from Title V on partnering with Federally Funded Programs \(archived webinar\)](#): This webinar discusses strategies and insights from Title V and injury and violence prevention leaders on working together to address challenges in their work. Partnership can lead to more effective work and addressing various issues, such as funding and workforce capacity.

Staff Out & About

With the spring season coming to a close and sunny summer days ahead, the National Center is excited to continue growing our work and impact alongside fatality review teams. A few highlights for us:

- Abby Collier attended the Pediatric Academic Society meeting in April to present on the Pediatric Injury Extended Review (PIER) alongside the Excellence Advisory Committee from Safe Kids Worldwide.
- Sasha Mintz and Abby Collier conducted site visits in Vermont and Maine to discuss innovations in fatality review and provide data support.
- Susanna Joy facilitated capacity building meetings for CDR and FIMR coordinators from various states and jurisdictions.
- Josh Thomas and Sasha Mintz, with Shiv Sunger from Colorado, hosted a webinar on using population-based data to inform fatality review. [A recording of the webinar is now available](#) (passcode: NCFRP).



Josh Thomas and Abby Collier presented to the Texas state CFR board on the PIER process.



Jess Perfette and Gretchen Martin presented at the 2025 NIHB Tribal Health Data Symposium in Washington, D.C.

While staying busy, the National Center looks forward to future opportunities to engage with fatality review teams and help build capacity for prevention efforts. We are currently in the process of creating a new website, discussing opportunities for interns to work with the National Center, and developing new products and guidance reports for teams. Remember to [subscribe to our listserv](#) to be the first to know more information!



National Center staff wore blue on April 21 to acknowledge National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

If you have a training need, the National Center will be happy to connect with you to find a creative solution and provide technical assistance or training to your program. Reach out to us at info@ncfrp.org!



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