



Learning Together, Protecting Tomorrows



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Greetings from the Staff



Hello everyone,

Earlier this month, I stepped outside on one of those early spring days that feels like a small gift—the afternoon sunlight lingering a little longer than the day before, and the air is not quite warm but no longer carries that sharp snap of cold. It was on such an afternoon that I took a short walk down one of the paths on our little hobby farm. That moment stayed with me, because it reminded me how much our work is built on noticing what others might overlook—and how often our best prevention work starts with something simple: paying attention.

In *You're Not Listening*, Kate Murphy describes how easy it is in a distracted world to treat conversations like a race—waiting our turn to respond—rather than a chance to understand someone's full experience. She argues that

listening is an active choice that builds connections and reduces isolation, especially when people feel unseen or unheard.



In fatality review, listening is not optional—it's foundational. We listen to families and communities with humility. We listen to teams who carry hard cases, complex systems, and real constraints. We listen to data patterns that suggest where risk is concentrating and where protection is possible. And we listen to one another—because the weight of this work doesn't lift just because the meeting ends.

Murphy also emphasizes a stance of curiosity—asking questions to understand rather than to steer the conversation toward a predetermined conclusion.

That idea has been sitting with me lately as I think about our work this spring: What changes when we approach families, teams, and even our own internal discussions with more curiosity? What becomes possible when we resist the urge to rush to solutions and instead spend a little more time learning what the moment is truly asking of us?

Thank you for the care, steadiness, and partnership you bring to this work—especially when it's hard. The staff at the National Center is grateful to be alongside you, listening closely and learning with you, as we work to help communities celebrate more birthdays.

Warmly,
Stacy

Upcoming Events



Spring 2026 Office Hours with the National Center

We are excited to continue offering Office Hours in 2026!

Please note, **registration is required for each individual session**. The first part of each Office Hours meeting will highlight a specific topic. The remaining time will be reserved for open discussion.

- [Public Fatality Review Data](#)
March 17, 2026, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm ET
- [Data Quality: Using Text Fields in the Pediatric NFR-CRS](#)
April 21, 2026, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm ET
- [Building Support for Fatality Review in Your Organization](#)
May 19, 2026, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm ET

[Click here](#) to visit our website and see additional Office Hour sessions for 2026. Please email info@ncfrp.org if you have any questions or ideas for future topics.

Mentoring Program Opportunity for Fatality Review Teams

The National Center led 3 cohorts of CDR and FIMR mentors between 2021 and 2024.

We are excited to announce a re-designed mentoring program for CDR and FIMR coordinators. Mentoring will now be a standing offering of the National Center's technical assistance (TA) options to responsively support new coordinators by connecting them with seasoned fatality review leaders.

What Happens in Mentoring?

- A mentor and mentee are paired based on key programmatic characteristics, skills, and mentee needs.
- The pair will identify key areas of focus for the duration of the 6-month mentoring period, drafting a unique workplan.
- Mentor/mentee pairs will meet monthly to make progress on their co-created goals.

Ready to Grow? Apply to be paired with a mentor! Benefits include:

- Accelerated learning and knowledge sharing in your own areas of need or interest.
- Effective, shared problem solving.
- Engaging with the national field of fatality review colleagues.

Ready to Make a Difference? Apply to serve as a mentor! Benefits include:

- Developing leadership skills and broadening your fatality review network.
- Receiving recognition from the National Center for the investment you have made in the discipline.
- Being compensated for your time through sponsored conference attendance or stipend.

We look forward to your participation in the National Center's Mentoring Program! Apply now to join the Mentoring Program as a mentor or mentee!

- Mentor application: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WZ93GTX>
- Mentee application: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WZVK3NZ>

Questions? Email Susanna Joy at sjoy@mphi.org.

Data Matters

New Guidance: Working With Small Numbers



Even a single infant or child death is a profound loss for a family and community. When we talk about “small numbers,” we’re not downplaying that impact. We’re addressing the real data challenges that arise when counts are low, including confidentiality concerns and unstable statistics.

The National Center has released a new brief that breaks down these challenges and offers practical, actionable strategies for working with small numbers in your analyses and reporting. [Explore the guidance here.](#)

Possible Duplicate Records: New Standardized Report & Data Entry Warning

You may have noticed two new Pediatric NFR-CRS updates designed to help teams avoid creating duplicate records. These tools, outlined below, simply identify possible duplicates; states and teams retain full discretion to review flagged records and decide how to proceed.

- **Standardized Report #36:** This report provides a list of records that may be duplicates based upon a match in name, date of death, team, and review type (i.e., CDR or FIMR record).
- **Duplicate Warning:** During data entry in Section A1, a red alert will appear if the first three letters of the child’s first and last name, date of death, and review type match an existing record from your team. The alert includes a hyperlink to the potential duplicate, as shown below.

Possible duplicate case(s) found. Match found on first three letters of First and Last Names, Date of Death, State, Team, and Review Type.
[63-02-2026-00001](#)

Publication Notice: Sudden Unexpected Infant Death in Inclined Sleepers: 2009–2023

The National Center is thrilled to announce the publication of 'Sudden Unexpected Infant Death in Inclined Sleepers: 2009–2023' in the March 2026 issue of *Pediatrics*.

Using CDR data from the Pediatric NFR-CRS, 158 sudden unexpected infant deaths (SUID) that occurred in inclined sleepers were identified from 2009 to 2023. These deaths took place even after the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) issued manufacturer recalls of inclined sleepers in 2019. Risk reduction is possible with improved communication of recalls of unsafe infant products, thus leading to safer sleep opportunities for infants.

[Click here to read the paper in *Pediatrics*, which includes a video overview of the paper.](#)

For questions, please reach out to info@ncfrp.org.

Resources for Prevention

National Impact Study of Poison Centers on Communities



A [national impact study](#) from partnership between RAND and America's Poison Centers found an estimated \$3.1 billion in healthcare benefits is generated every year for people across the United States. This equates to an estimated \$16.77 in benefits generated by every \$1 spent by the nation's 53 Poison

Centers on services. A variety of benefits and savings are made possible in communities because of Poison Centers, including:

- Fewer emergency room visits.
- Shorter hospital stays.
- Reduced emergency transportation costs.

A variety of methods for receiving help and care are available, including the Poison Help line (1-800-222-1222). [The latest data from the National Poison Data System](#) is available online for a variety of topics as well. Help is available 24/7, every day of the year.

[The national impact study is available now online.](#)

To find your local poison center, [visit the Poison Center website](#).

National Child Exploitation Prevention Programming

A recent webinar from [Children's Safety Network](#) provided an overview of programs aimed at creating healthy and safe spaces for children and adolescents. The Secret Service's Child Safety Outreach Programs provided prevention information to communities and support safer spaces for children to live, learn, and play. Programs such as these help safeguard children against threats associated with the rapid expansion of digital technology, including online child sexual exploitation and abuse.

Materials from the webinar are available below:

- [Webinar recording](#)
- [Presentation slides](#)
- [Presentation transcript](#)

Drowning Prevention Pilot Opportunity for Tribal Communities

The National Center has an exciting opportunity for tribal communities and review teams to participate in a pediatric drowning pilot program. Please see the flyer below for more information!



New Opportunities in Drowning Prevention for Fatality Review Teams

Applications Open

The National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention is expanding its Drowning Prevention Pilot Program and is recruiting established Child Death Review (CDR) teams to participate in our next cohort.

This paid opportunity is designed to strengthen local prevention work by supporting teams to analyze drowning-related deaths more effectively and develop targeted, actionable prevention strategies in their communities.

Contact drowning@ncfrp.org to learn more!

Why participate?

Paid participation, enhanced training & technical assistance, and strengthened local partnerships

Review drowning deaths in your tribal community, identify prevention opportunities, join learning sessions, and share findings & lessons learned

What will teams do?

New and established CDR teams, tribes interested in expanding local prevention efforts, and communities experiencing drowning-related deaths or risks

Who should apply?

Professional Training Series for Infant Safe Sleep

The Cribs for Kids Professional Training Series™ is a collection of educational modules for professionals who work in childcare, healthcare, public safety, and other public health careers.

These modules offer learning opportunities on identifying risk factors, strategies for communicating effectively with parents about safe sleep, and intervention skills. After completing a post-test at the completion of a module, you may receive a Safe Sleep Professional badge and certificate.

[Access the Cribs for Kids Professional Training Series™ here.](#)

Findings Guidance Documents for Fatality Review Teams

The National Center has published resources intended to support fatality review teams in entering life stressors data into the Pediatric NFR-CRS. Life stressors can be important indicators of where interventions could have taken place. Additionally, data may be used to drive recommendations and prevention. Click on each document title to view more.

- [Risk and Protective Factors](#)
- [Step 1: Review-Specific Life Stressors and Protective Factors](#)
- [Step 2: Aggregate Life Stressors and Protective Factors](#)
- [Step 3: SMARTE Recommendations](#)

Staff Out & About

The spring months are just around the corner! Whether you live in a warmer climate or somewhere with colder temperatures, a new season brings many opportunities for new projects and reflection.

The National Center has several notable efforts to highlight:

- [The publication of Child DASH](#) (Dynamic Analysis and Statistics Hubs), which summarizes information from death reviews entered into the Pediatric National Fatality Review-Case Reporting System (Pediatric NFR-CRS). [Learn more about fatality review data visualizations.](#)
- Several demonstrations of the Adult National Fatality Review-Case Reporting System (Adult NFR-CRS) were shared with attendees involved with suicide mortality review. To learn more about the Adult NFR-CRS (which can be used to support all types of adult fatality reviews), contact SMRC@ncfrp.org.
- The National Center exhibited at a variety of meetings, including the International Aquatics and Water Safety Conference & Exposition as well as the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs Conference. See below for some pictures!

We are thankful for continued partnership with you and to support fatality review teams across the country. If you have any questions or technical

assistance needs, please do not hesitate to reach out! We are here to help you.





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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