

Trumbull County Child Fatality Review Board

Releases report on 2009 Child Fatalities

In 2000, legislation was enacted that required every county in Ohio to create a Child Fatality Review Board to review the deaths of all children age 17 and younger. The ultimate purpose of the Child Fatality Review Board is to decrease the incidence of preventable child deaths by:

- ❖ Promoting cooperation, collaboration, and communication between all groups, professions, agencies and entities that serve families and children.
- ❖ Maintaining a comprehensive database of all fetal and child deaths that occur in Trumbull County in order to develop an understanding of the causes and incidence of those deaths.
- ❖ Making recommendations to local agencies for the development of new programs and changes to current programs that will help to prevent fetal and child deaths.
- ❖ Advising the Ohio Department of Health of aggregate data, trends and patterns concerning child deaths.

In 2009 **31** deaths occurred to children in Trumbull County those deaths were reviewed by a 4 member sub- committee before presenting the cases to the full board. The full board meets on a quarterly basis.

Upon reviewing these deaths the various agencies of Trumbull County work together to prevent future child deaths by:

- ❖ Educating families, children, neighbors, organizations and communities on preventable child deaths.
- ❖ Encouraging community and individual involvement in recognizing and preventing risk factors that contributes to child deaths.
- ❖ Assisting families in achieving healthy parenting practices with education and resources.
- ❖ Empowering individuals to intervene in situations where violence and neglect harm children.

Trumbull County Child Fatality Review Board Members

Dr. James Enyeart Board Chair Trumbull County Health Department

These organizations participated in 2009 child death review:

Trumbull County Health Department

Girard City Health Department

Warren City Health Department

Prosecutor's Office

Trumbull County Children Services Board

Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board

Trumbull County Coroner
Trumbull County Deputy's Office

2010 Trumbull County Child Fatality Review Board Initiatives

- ✚ Baby Health Fair @ YWCA on June 8, 2010 in Warren, Ohio, in collaboration with Parent Power.
- ✚ Safe Sleep Billboard Event with consisted of 5 billboards throughout Trumbull County over a period of 2 months. This billboard event was sponsored by Trumbull County Health Department, Help Me Grow and Trumbull County Children Services Board.
- ✚ ½ page ad in Warren Tribune Chronicle titled" the safest place for your baby to sleep is in a crib"
- ✚ "Safe Sleep Campaign" held at Eastwood Mall, including a display of a "safe "versus "unsafe crib" Two cribs were raffled during this event. This event also received TV media coverage.
- ✚ Posting of a sign in Girard near a waterway cautioning persons to avoid this area for swimming as a result of a drowning with occurred in 2009.

Focus for 2011

Our focus for 2011 is to continue to educate community caregivers as well as professionals on "Safe Sleep Environment"

We will be presenting a spring conference on infant mortality titled "**Getting to the First Birthday**". This conference has been organized by various agencies in our community that have stake in preventing infant deaths. Topics being presented include "Racial Disparity", "Latest Research", "Common Misconceptions" and "Personal Impact". The conference will be held on May 20th from 9:30 to 3:30 at Ciminero's Banquet Center in Niles, Ohio.

Trumbull County 2009 Deaths 0-18 yrs	
Total 31	

Natural Deaths	
Premature = 12	Other medical conditions= 7

Accidental Deaths	
MVA = 2	Homicide = 3
Drowning = 1	Suicides = 3
Mechanical asphyxia= 3	

Infant Deaths 0-12 months	
SIDS = 1	
*Positional/mechanical asphyxia = 3	
<i>*(all were less than 2 weeks old and were co-sleeping with an adult)</i>	