



Stark County Child Fatality Review & Fetal Infant Mortality Review 2020 Recommendations

CFR Board & FIMR Team Member Agencies

Aultman Hospital

Canton City Health Department

Canton City Police Department

Community Healthcare Pediatrics

Mercy Medical Center

My Community Health Center

Plain Township Fire Department

Stark County Coroner

*Stark County Jobs and Family
Services*

*Stark County Education Service
Center*

Stark County Health Department

Stark County Sheriff's Office

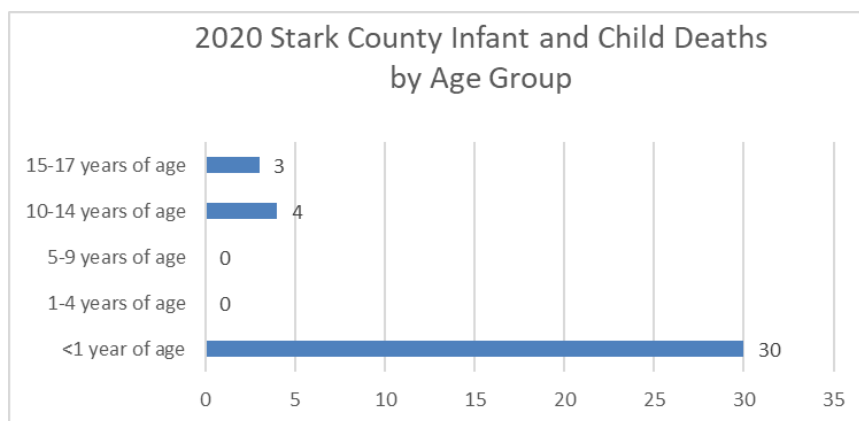
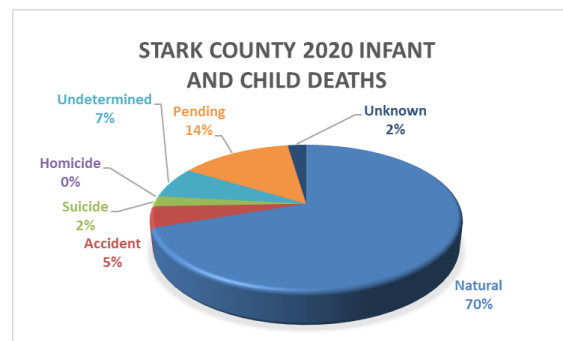
*Stark Mental Health and Addiction
Recovery*

THRIVE

The primary goal of the Child Fatality Review (CFR) process is to reduce the incidence of preventable infant and child deaths in Stark County through a detailed comprehensive local review of the circumstances surrounding the deaths to all infants and children in our community. These reviews are completed by a multidisciplinary team made up of representatives from the local agencies listed to the left. It's our hope that through this process of reviews and recommendations we can raise community awareness about the circumstances surrounding preventable child deaths and ultimately eliminate or decrease these deaths from continuing to occur.

After a review of the infant and child deaths that occurred to Stark County children during 2020, the Stark County Child Fatality Review Board and the Stark County Fetal Infant Mortality Review Team would like to provide the community with their 2020 Recommendations for the prevention future deaths.

The Stark County Child Fatality Review Board and the Stark County Fetal Infant Mortality Review Team completed reviews on 37 deaths that occurred during 2020. The chart to the right and graph below delineate the manner of death and age groups involved in the 2020 deaths.



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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF SUICIDE DEATHS

In the 2017/18 school year Stark County experienced a significant increase in the number of youth deaths by suicide. Due to this increased incidence our county convened a Coordinating Committee made up of members from a variety of agencies across the county including: education, mental health, public health, law enforcement and hospitals. These individuals worked hard to develop a response plan and make recommendations to the community. Below are the recommendations made as a result of the survey's implemented across the middle and high schools in our community. The Stark County Child Fatality Review Board fully supports and recommends the initiatives being implemented across the county as a result of the Coordinating Committee's efforts.

- ◆ **Recommendation #1-** Strengthen access to delivery of suicide care through the implementation of
 - ◆ County-wide Youth Mobile Response Team
 - ◆ 30 min response time for youth in crisis
 - ◆ Touchpoint follow-up: up to 30 days with parent permission (a Touchpoint is any psych visit to Akron Children's Hospital)
 - ◆ Increased school-based mental health access for 22 Stark County ESC School Districts
 - ◆ 14 Physical Health and Mental Health organizations are working on implementation of "Zero-Suicide" framework
- ◆ **Recommendation #2-** Create protective environments by: reducing access to lethal means among persons at risk of suicide; community policies and culture; and community-based strategies to reduce youth substance abuse through the implementation of:
 - ◆ Safety and Security Task Force (Detect/Deter/Defend)
 - ◆ Monthly meetings with law enforcement (Sheriff's Office, FBI, Homeland Security, Local Police Department's, School Superintendents and School Resource Officer's)
 - ◆ Enhance Trauma-Informed Care and Resiliency Trainings within schools
 - ◆ Firearm Safety Programs & Locks
 - ◆ Partnering with 23 local Law Enforcement Agencies
 - ◆ Doubled School Resource Officers (SRO's)
 - ◆ 40 Hour SRO training to include mental health
 - ◆ Implemented Anti-Drug "Start Talking" Curriculum
- ◆ **Recommendation #3-** Promote connectedness through community engagement activities; and parental engagement activities and by implementing the following goals:
 - ◆ Extra-Curricular Activities
 - ◆ Goal: Have every child participate in some form of extra-curricular activity
 - ◆ Teaming & Mentoring Programs
 - ◆ Goal: Have every child paired with a trusted adult
 - ◆ Multi-Agency Coordination for Parental Engagement and Education
 - ◆ Goal: Engage PTO's, Booster Clubs, and related Community Agencies on Mental Health

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- ◆ **Recommendation #4-** Teach coping and problem-solving skills with social-emotional learning programs and increasing youth resiliency through the implementation of the following:
 - ◆ Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) training in every district
 - ◆ PAX-Behavior Game
 - ◆ Training students on Self-Regulation
 - ◆ Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) programs at earlier ages
 - ◆ “Every Moment Counts” training scheduled for August 2019
 - ◆ Increased age-appropriate PreK-12 Anti-Bullying, Conflict Management, Technology Safety, and Dating Violence Instruction through classroom instruction & counseling
 - ◆ Increased peer-mediation training/programs
 - ◆ Increased therapy dog availability in schools
- ◆ **Recommendation #5-** Identify and support people at risk through the following:
 - ◆ Gatekeeper Training
 - ◆ Mental Health First Aid Training (over 1,000 staff trained)
 - ◆ See Something Say Something Anonymous Reporting System
 - ◆ Implemented in 20 districts
 - ◆ More than 1,000 tips received in first 5 months
 - ◆ Over 550 tips classified as life safety
 - ◆ Columbia Suicide Screen
 - ◆ Working towards individual screening
 - ◆ CARE Teams (in all 120 Buildings)
 - ◆ CARE Teams leverage community resources to wrap around students in need
 - ◆ Resources address needs for clothing, food, housing, hygiene and other social determinants of health
- ◆ **Recommendation #6-** Lessen harms and prevent future risk with postvention, responding to a death, safe reporting about suicide, and safe messaging about suicide through the implementation of:
 - ◆ Schoolwide education on response to a death
 - ◆ 21 Districts trained by Society for Prevention of Teen Suicide
 - ◆ Partnering with the local media on coverage of student tragedies
 - ◆ Social Media education for students, teachers and parents
- ◆ **Recommendation #7-** Administer on-going youth health and behavior surveys
 - ◆ Annual administration of the NOYHS
- ◆ **Recommendation #8-** Target both female and male students:
 - ◆ ROX Program (Ruling Our Experiences)
 - ◆ For Girls in Grades 5, 7, 9
 - ◆ Focuses on Building Leadership and Self-Advocacy

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF NATURAL, ACCIDENTAL, AND HOMICIDE DEATHS

- ♦ Community gun safety programs, and the use of gun locks or locked gun cabinets in home.
- ♦ Anger Management classes for individuals with impulse control issues
- ♦ Education for families on childcare options
- ♦ Greater number of afterhours daycare options
- ♦ Social Support for single moms
- ♦ Appropriate use of infant swings
- ♦ Reporting of Infant and Child deaths to local Coroner's office when the death occurred in the child's home or in a public or outdoor space

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF INFANT DEATHS

- ♦ Early and comprehensive prenatal care to include:
 - ♦ Depression screening for all Pregnant Women
 - ♦ Tobacco cessation programing
 - ♦ Progesterone in the 2nd and 3rd trimesters for women with previous preterm births or miscarriages
 - ♦ Education on the following topics:

Infant Safe Sleep



- ♦ *Infant Safe Sleep*
 - ♦ *Signs of preterm labor*
 - ♦ *Signs and symptoms of Urinary Tract Infections and the risk for preterm labor if not treated*
 - ♦ *Most effective forms of contraception*
 - ♦ *Birth spacing of at least 18 months from one live birth to the conception of the next child*
 - ♦ *Healthy body mass index (BMI) of 18.5- 24.9 prior to conception*
 - ♦ *Dangers of smoking around infants and young children*
 - ♦ *Infant feeding techniques and appropriate food choices for first year of life*
- ♦ Reproductive Life Plan
- ♦ Home-visiting programs for pregnant and postpartum women
- ♦ Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- ♦ Alcohol and Drug counseling for pregnant moms with history of excessive use
- ♦ Evaluation by specialist prior to pregnancy for those mothers with previous loss
- ♦ High dose folic acid prior to pregnancy and during pregnancy for women of childbearing age
- ♦ Chronic disease home-visiting programs during pregnancy for mothers with high risk medical concerns
- ♦ Increased emphasis on prenatal care for those women who are incarcerated during their pregnancy

