

STARK COUNTY CHILD FATALITY REVIEW & FETAL INFANT MORTALITY REVIEW

2022 Recommendations



CFR Board & FIMR Team Member Agencies

Aultman Hospital
Canton City Health Department
Canton City Police Department
Community Healthcare
Pediatrics
Cleveland Clinic Mercy Hospital
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 2022, the Stark County Child Fatality Review Board and the Stark County Fetal Infant Mortality Review Team would like to provide the community with their 2022 Recommendations for the prevention future deaths.

The Stark County Child Fatality Review Board and the Stark County Fetal Infant Mortality Review Team completed reviews of 42 deaths. The deaths that were reviewed occurred between 2020 through 2022. There is one case from 2020, four cases from 2021 and fourteen cases from 2022 that need reviewed.

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

- Respite care of chronically ill children.
- Increased awareness of THRIVE program, and length of program.
- Bicycle safety- including use of helmet and traffic education.
- Bike helmet reward programs, free helmets distributed through police departments.
- Home visiting and social services returning to "in person", rather than virtual/phone visits.
- Mental Health Services available in timely fashion and during off hours.
- Increased awareness and use of subsidized housing.
- Public health to offer at home state metabolic screening.
- Parent education on when to seek medical attention for sick children.
- Increased emergency medical response in the community.
- Provider education on social determinants of health.
- Increased level of medical care in school settings.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF INFANT DEATHS

Early and comprehensive prenatal care to include:

- Tobacco and marijuana cessation programming.
- Birth spacing between pregnancies.



Education on the following topics:

- Infant safe sleep, making sure education is in multiple languages.
- Education on how to care for sick infant in terms of feeding, soothing, and continued safe sleep practices.
- Healthy body mass index (BMI) of 18.5- 24.9 prior to conception.
- Fatherhood mentoring programming.
- Home births, specifically, when to seek further medical attention.
- Increased awareness of home-visiting services and community health workers roles throughout the county.



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