

TRUMBULL COUNTY CHILD FATALITY REVIEW BOARD 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

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The Trumbull County Child Fatality Review Board reviews deaths that occurred in the previous year to children 0 to 18 years of age. During the year of 2012, twenty nine deaths occurred to children in Trumbull County. These deaths were reviewed by a 3 member sub-committee before presenting the cases to the full board. The full board met on a quarterly basis in 2013.

Upon reviewing these cases, the various agencies of Trumbull County work together to educate the public on preventable deaths. We also encourage community and individual involvement in recognizing risk factors that may contribute to child deaths.

The breakdown of deaths for 2012:

10 Premature
10 Congenital
1 Suicide
2 SIDS
2 Homicide
2 Smoke Inhalation
1 Overdose
1 Probable positional asphyxia

In collaboration with the Safe Kids Coalition and the Ohio Children's Trust Fund the "Safe Sleep Campaign" continued this year in Trumbull County. A crib was placed throughout Trumbull County on a rotation basis, where we felt would have the greatest impact on families with newborns and young infants. The Trumbull County Health Department displayed the crib and how a "safe sleep" environment should look, free from loose bedding, stuffed animals, pillows and bumper pads. A "Safe Sleep" bulletin board was placed above the crib with the new ODH policies on Safe Sleep and Infant Feeding. Flyers were made available for the public to take home. This display received a lot of attention since it was in a high traffic area within our immunization clinics.

In addition we had handheld fans designed which displayed the same picture of the "Safe Sleep" crib. These fans were distributed during the Trumbull County Fair as well as churches within neighborhoods which showed high numbers of African American babies being born. Because of the statistics showing nearly twice the number of black babies compared to white babies, we wanted to focus on these families.

Through much dedication of time and effort of this committee, especially the Trumbull County Coroner's office, a newly formed task force in our county was established, "Trumbull County Task Force on Severe Child Injury/Death Scene Investigation". There will be dedicated individuals from various agencies who will respond in the event of a child's death or severe injury. With this type of investigation, we can gain more insight on ways to educate our community and find ways to prevent deaths and injuries from taking place.

CFR Board 2013 Meetings & Activities

Child Abuse and Neglect-"Recognition and Reporting"
presented by Trumbull County Children Services

Ohio Child Fatality Review Conference
"Toward a Brighter Future for Ohio's Children"

Training on new Reporting System for Child Death Reviews in Ohio:
"National Center for the Review and Prevention of Child Deaths"

Strategic Planning Retreat for Trumbull County

ODH's "Infant Feeding and Safe Sleep Policies" Training

Safe Kids Coalition Committee

Resource Health Fair

Tri-County Breastfeeding Connection

CFHS Consortium Committee

March of Dimes "Saving Ohio Babies: Preventing Premature Birth
and Other Causes of Our Infant Mortality Crisis"

Trumbull County Child Fatality Review Board Members

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