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## North Carolina Child Fatality Prevention Team— Know Your Responsibilities



## **ALL CFPT Members**

The role of every CFPT member is crucial and adds essential information and perspective for every review. The basic role of all members includes the following duties:

- 1. Attend meetings. The General Statute requires teams to meet a minimum of four (4) times annually.
- 2. Check your agency records for contact with the family, parents, or deceased child.
- 3. Notify the Review Coordinator if you are unable to attend a meeting.
- 4. Forward information from your agency to the Review Coordinator on cases to be reviewed when you are unable to attend.
- 5. Assist the team members with identifying system problems, recommendations, and actions.
- 6. Help team members decide if more information is needed to conduct a full child fatality review.
- 7. Notify the Chairperson or Review Coordinator if you are unable to fulfill the responsibilities of your position on the team.

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## **Confidentiality Reminder:**

- Each local CFPT member must sign a confidentiality statement
- NC law prevents the local CFPT from contacting, questioning, or interviewing families of deceased children as part of the review.
- NC law protects information shared at local CFPT reviews, even from introduction into court proceedings to maintain the family's privacy.
- While the CFPT may periodically release non-identifiable aggregated data, releasing case-specific information would be a serious breach of confidentiality.
  - It is not within the purposes of the CFPT to release any case-specific information, even when the information may be "public knowledge" (e.g., as a result of a trial). Case-specific information which is already public record may be obtained by the public through appropriate channels, which do not include the CFPT.
- The confidentiality of each participating organization must be recognized and respected.
- Confidentiality must be appropriately balanced against the need for information to make the prevention system operate successfully

## Checklist for Records Review-Health Care Provider

Below is a checklist to assist you, as the Health Care Provider representative, to identify sources of information available for local CFPT reviews:

- 1. Office contact with mother, father, or deceased child
- 2. Dates and nature of contact, diagnoses, medications, treatment, appointments, immunizations
- 3. Information about other health care received by family and the name(s) of the other health care provider(s)
- 4. Indicators of family violence, accidental or non-accidental injury, substance abuse, and physical or mental impairment
- 5. Communication and dates of contact with other providers or agencies about this family