

Fetal Infant Mortality Review in Texas



Healthy Start Initiative



Aims to address the contributing factors on why Black and Brown babies are dying

Findings from the Synthesis

	Tarrant County	Dallas County	Harris County
Conducts Maternal Interviews	x	x	x
Has a syphilis Team		x	x
Reviews 3 cases per meeting		x	x
Works with Texas DSHS	x	x	x
Two Tiered System	x	x	
Meets quarterly		x	x

FIMR's challenges

- Not every county in Texas has FIMR
- Ensuring that high level leaders are present and engaged in meetings
- Voluntary
- Delay in reviewing cases
- Under-resourced
- Lack of consistent data collection
- Conducting FIMR is time consuming

Contributors of infant death



Sudden infant death syndrome



Sexually transmitted diseases



Maternal complications during pregnancy



Perinatal conditions (ex: preterm birth or low birth weight)

Components of FIMR

The process is comprised of abstractions of medical records and parent interviews that are conducted by experts that develop recommendations to address systems issues, and a plan of action based on the community review team's recommendations

Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR)

Fetal Infant Mortality Review is designed to review care and services for pregnant women and infants when a fetal or infant death has occurred, and the goal is to decrease infant mortality and enhance the well-being of women and their families through improving community resources.



FIMR and Healthy Start

Texas FIMR recommendations include educating the public on:



Infant safe sleep practices



Interventions to reduce late or no prenatal care



Preconception and interconception health