



# Fetal Infant Mortality (FIMR) and Child Death Review (CDR) Team



Conducts two fatality reviews each consisting of multidisciplinary teams that delve into the facts surrounding each case, the programs and systems of care with which the child, mother or family interacted and opportunities for improvement. FIMR/CDRT is part of the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Program located within the Public Health Nursing division. The goal is to understand the risk factors contributing to mortality and to prevent the factors leading to the death of infants and children. Below provides an overview all fetal, infant and child deaths for Humboldt County in 2020.

**Every child deserves a tomorrow.**

## Child Death

2020

Total Number of cases: 5  
Number of cases reviewed: 5

## Infant Death

2020

Total Number of cases: 8  
Number of cases reviewed: 1

## Fetal Demise

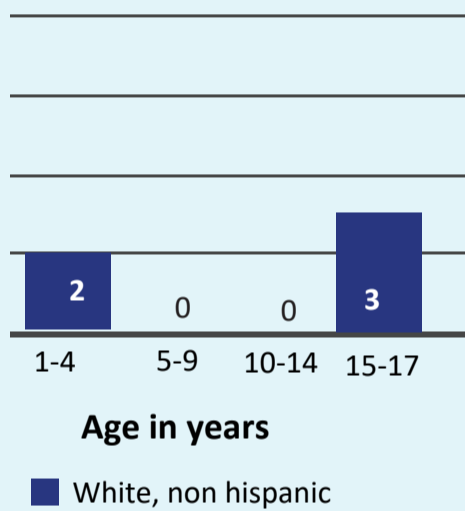
2020

Total Number of cases: 10  
Number of cases reviewed: 1

Program description and Case counts

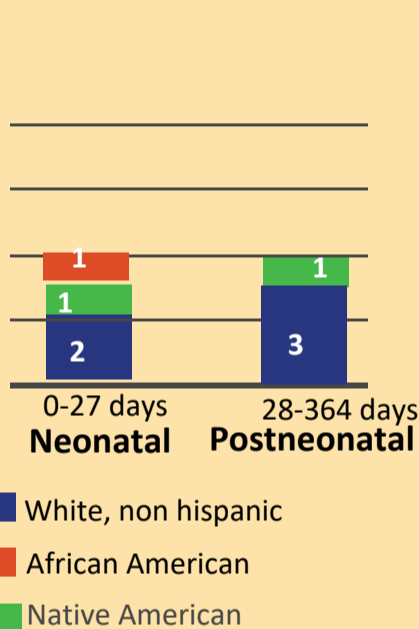
CDR examines the deaths of children 1-17 years old occurring within the Local Health Jurisdiction (LHJ) and not due to natural causes.

Coordinates with DHHS Public Health Suicide and Violence Prevention (SVP) Program for 0-17 suicide reviews and prevention recommendations.



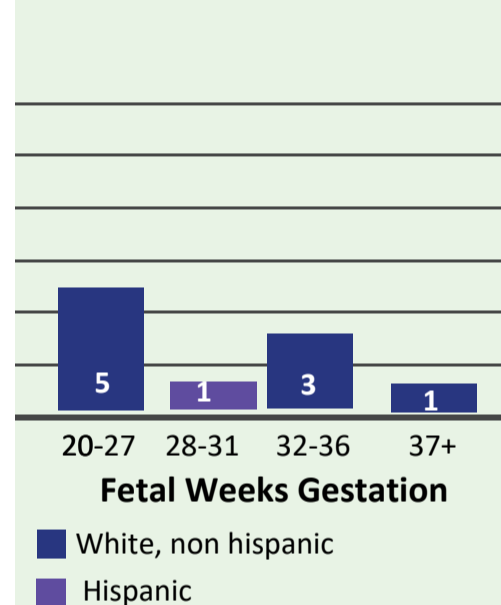
FIMR reviews infant deaths not due to natural causes or occurring within the LHJ.

All women with a loss are contacted for a maternal interview to get the mother's perspective on her care and access to services.

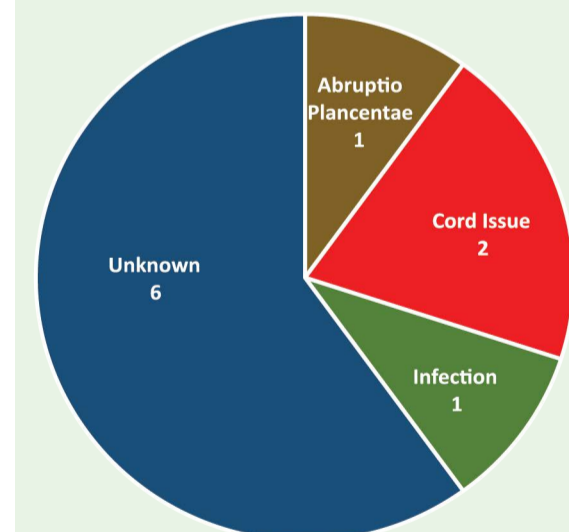
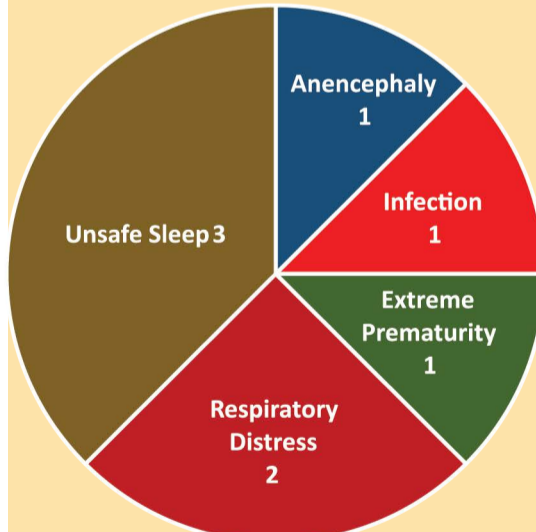
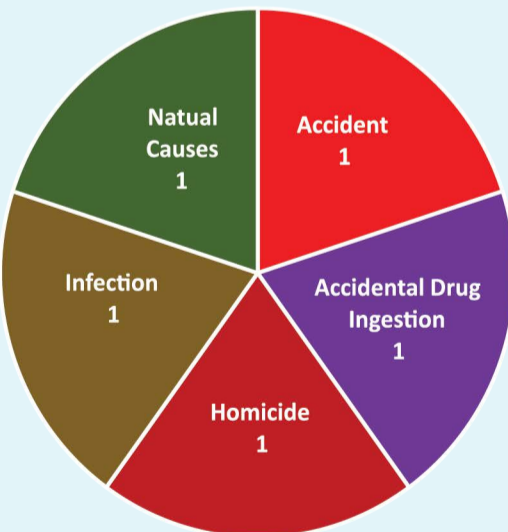


FIMR reviews fetal deaths after 20 weeks gestation and stillborns occurring within the LHJ.

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Underlying causes of death



MCAH Program highlights

- A significant portion of Public Health staff and their partner organizations were reassigned to Covid-19 activities. Community based activities were suspended as per implemented Covid-19 precautions.
- Worked with the Healthy Communities' Suicide Prevention program with focus on prevention and early intervention programs.
- Partnered with the Child Passenger Safety Coalition for continued motor vehicle safety education.

- Annual distribution of gift bags with a HALO Sleep Sack and safe sleep educational information for all infants born at local birthing facilities for Safe to Sleep month campaign in October.
- Public Health Nursing programs:
  - Nurse Family Partnership and Parent and Child Field Nursing worked to improve access and use of home visiting services by pregnant women.
- MCAH Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program works with local OB offices to provide standardized prenatal care.

- MCAH and the Eastern Humboldt Prenatal Care project work to identify barriers to care within the community to encourage early entry into prenatal care.
- Distribution of materials developed by the Perinatal Substance Use Disorder project for providers to initiate dialogue with clients about cannabis use.
- Incorporated guidance from the National Center for Fatality Review Prevention to identify unconscious bias in case reviews.