

Colorado Child Fatality Prevention System

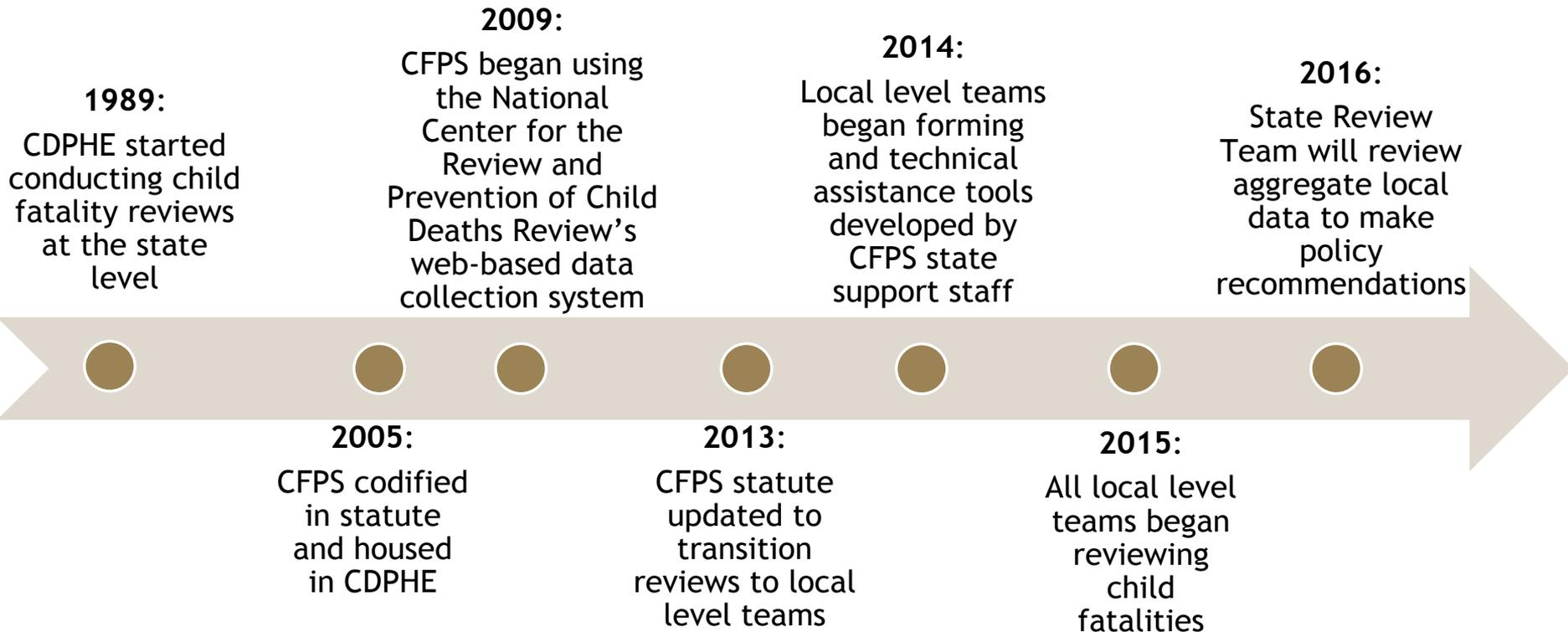
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Brief Overview of Colorado Child Fatality Prevention System

Colorado Child Fatality Prevention System (CFPS): a statewide multi-disciplinary, multi-agency effort to prevent child deaths. The purpose of the system is to reduce the number of preventable child deaths in Colorado. Using a public health approach, the CFPS aggregates data from individual deaths, describes trends and patterns of child deaths, and identifies prevention strategies. These strategies are implemented and evaluated with the goal of preventing similar deaths from occurring in the future.



Working Together as One System

Apply public health approach to develop local-level and state-level prevention recommendations



-Prioritizes state-level policy and systems prevention recommendations

-Makes policy-level recommendations to Colorado legislature

Benefits of Current Structure

- Conducting reviews at the local level is a national best practice
- Systematic way to review child deaths at the local level and collect data in the National Center data collection website
- Multidisciplinary, multi-agency teams
- Engagement in injury and violence prevention at the local level

Tri-County Public Health Experience,

Laurie Andrews, RN, Local CFRT Lead

Results from 2014 Recommendations

2014 LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATION	PROGRESS TOWARDS RECOMMENDATION
<p>Modify child care licensing requirements and regulations regarding infant safe sleep to better align with American Academy of Pediatrics safe sleep recommendations.</p>	<p>Colorado Department of Human Services Office of Early Childhood amended rules that regulate licensed child care centers and homes to incorporate best practices for infant safe sleep environments.</p>
<p>Incorporate safe sleep education and how to address safety concerns related to infant safe sleep practices as part of the Colorado Department of Human Services Child Welfare Training System for child welfare professionals.</p>	<p>A training curriculum was developed and incorporated into the Child Welfare Training System to improve child welfare professionals' knowledge and skills regarding infant safe sleep.</p>

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<p>Increase funding for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to expand the Colorado Household Medication Take-Back Program at pharmacies across the state.</p>	<p>Joint Budget Committee allocated \$300,000 in general funds to the Colorado Household Medication Take-Back Program at Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for medication take-back activities.</p>
<p>Increase funding for the Office of Suicide Prevention to expand implementation and evaluation of school-based suicide prevention programs that promote resilience and positive youth development as protective factors from suicide statewide.</p>	<p>CFPS partnered with the Office of Suicide Prevention to support the implementation of <i>Sources of Strength</i>, an evidence-based suicide prevention program.</p>

2015 Child Fatality Prevention Recommendations

1. Mandate the use of the Sudden Unexpected Infant Death Investigation Reporting Form.
2. Mandate that hospitals develop and implement policies to provide education and information about infant safe sleep promotion.
3. Modify rules regulating family foster care homes to better align with infant safe sleep recommendations.
4. Establish a statutory requirement that allows for primary enforcement of Colorado's adult seat belt law.
5. Increase funding for the Office of Suicide Prevention.
6. Support policies that impact the priorities of the Colorado Essentials for Childhood project.
7. Provide funding for the Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention to promote update of opioid prescribing guidelines.
8. Increase funding to support the implementation and evaluation of youth programs that promote pro-social activities, resilience and positive youth development as protective factors from child fatalities statewide.

Summary & Thank You

- CFPS is an innovative, evidence-based, local-state partnership with a mission to prevent child deaths.
- CFPS is fully operational due to Colorado's legislative support. *Thank you for the legislative funds to support the Colorado Child Fatality Prevention System*
 - www.cochildfatalityprevention.com