



RESEARCH AND RESULTS

- Goals
 - All child deaths considered
 - All eligible deaths reviewed
 - High completion rate
 - Meaningful analysis and recommendations

REVIEW CRITERIA

- Deaths occurring in Alabama
- Less than 18 years
- Non-natural causes or SIDS/SUID

DATA REPORTS:

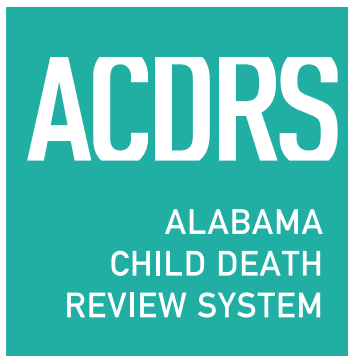
These reports are available online at www.adph.org/cdr

A SAMPLING OF PAST ACDRS RECOMMENDATIONS

- Improved access to health care
- Improved day care safety rules
- Safe infant bedding
- No bed-sharing
- Smoke alarms
- Carbon monoxide detectors
- Swimming area safety
- Improved ATV safety
- No truck bed passengers
- Improved child passenger safety restraint requirements
- Improved training for infant/child death investigators

PROTECTING OUR GREATEST RESOURCE... ALABAMA'S CHILDREN!

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MISSION

To understand how and why children die in Alabama, in order to prevent future child deaths.

PREVENTABILITY

Preventability refers to the ability of an individual or community to reasonably have done something to alter the conditions that led to the child's death, thereby preventing the child's death, or reasonably do something now to reduce the likelihood of future deaths.

WHAT IS ACDRS?

Alabama State Law signed on September 11, 1997 created ACDRS & both the State and Local Child Death Review(CDR) teams. Their task is to review, evaluate, and prevent cases of unexpected and unexplained child death.

HOW IS ACDRS FUNDED?

ACDRS is primarily funded with state tobacco settlement money through the Children First Trust Fund and Children's Rehabilitation Service. The program is administered through the Alabama Department of Public Health.

WHAT DOES ACDRS DO?

- Analyze the deaths of Alabama's children
- Develop and recommend prevention strategies
- Inform legislative efforts
- Educate the public
- Help reduce infant/child deaths and injuries in Alabama

LEARNING FROM THE PAST TO PROTECT THE FUTURE

The primary purpose of ACDRS is prevention, not prosecution. This is done through statistical analysis, education, advocacy efforts, and local community involvement.

ACDRS ORGANIZATION

- ACDRS State Office
 - ACDRS Director
 - Health Educator
 - Administrative Assistant
 - Part-time Staff
- ACDRS State Team
 - 28 members from all over the state
 - Multidisciplinary approach
- ACDRS Local Team
 - At least one team for each Judicial Circuit in Alabama
 - Members are local individuals and officials
 - Multidisciplinary approach

ACDRS SUCCESSES

- Passed legislation supported by ACDRS
 - "Safe Place" Law - 2000
 - Graduated Drivers License - 2002 and 2010 (enhanced)
 - "Baby Douglas" Day Care Medication - 2004
 - "Child Passenger Safety" Law - 2006
 - Alabama SUIDI Law - 2011
 - Alabama Sports Concussion Law - 2011
- Since ACDRS was established
 - Fewer total child deaths
 - Fewer deaths meeting review criteria
 - New online data reporting system
- Education Programs (English/Spanish)
 - "Teen Driver Safety"
 - "Safety for Sleeping Babies"
 - "Safe to Sleep"
 - "Cribs for Kids"
 - "Suicide Prevention"
 - "ATV Safety"
 - "Abusive Head Trauma"

