

State of Idaho Child Death Review Legislation

Idaho Executive Order (1998)

THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF IDAHO
BOISE
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 98-10
CHILD MORTALITY REVIEW TEAM

WHEREAS, the health and safety of Idaho children are of primary importance; and
WHEREAS, the child death rate in Idaho exceeds that of the nation; and
WHEREAS, some child deaths are due to preventable causes; and
WHEREAS, records of children's deaths and circumstances leading to their death are kept by multiple agencies but not coordinated, on-going effort is being made to evaluate these records; and
WHEREAS, expertise exists within the state to evaluate these records and identify circumstances leading to or contributing to the deaths of children; and
WHEREAS, the identification of risk producing circumstances and recommendations to remediate them may reduce child death rates;

NOW THEREFORE, I, PHILIP E. BATT, Governor of the State of Idaho, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of this state, do hereby establish the Child Mortality Review Team.

The duties of the Team shall include reviewing data on selected cases of child death and developing recommendations for systems improvement, which lead to reduce mortality. The Director of the Department of Health and Welfare shall appoint the members of the Team.

The Team shall establish the terms of appointment, chairmanship, and other operating guidelines in bylaws. Membership shall include:

- a pediatrician,
- an emergency medicine physician,
- a pathologist,
- a coroner,
- a prosecutor,
- a law enforcement representative,
- a Children at Risk Task Force member,
- the state epidemiologist, and
- a representative of the public.

An annual report with the Team's findings and recommendations shall be presented to the Governor and to the Chairs of the Senate and House Health and Welfare Teams. This Executive Order shall cease to be effective four years after its entry into force.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at Boise the Capitol, the 16th day of July, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred ninety-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-third and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred ninth.

PHILIP E. BATT
GOVERNOR

PETE T. CENARRUSA
SECRETARY OF STATE