

# Keeping Kids Alive Symposium

Proof That It Can Be Done



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# Sacramento County




# Getting to know the Sacramento County CDRT



- Sacramento County CDRT created in 1989
- Review all child deaths 0 thru 17 years
- Collecting data and reporting annually since 1990 - 18 years of data
- Maintains an ongoing relationship with the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors
- Funded through the Sacramento County Children's Trust Fund
- Coordinated by Child Abuse Prevention Council



# CDRT Mission Statement

- Ensure that all child abuse and neglect fatalities are identified
  - Enhance the investigation of all child deaths through multi-agency review
  - Develop a statistical description of all child deaths as an overall indicator of the status of children
  - Develop recommendations for the prevention and response to child deaths based on the reviews and statistical information
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# Sacramento County CDRT Findings

- One-third to one-quarter of all child deaths were injury related and preventable. (2001-2007)
- Child abuse & neglect (CAN) homicides are on an upward trend. (1997-1999 & 2005– 2007)
- Majority of perpetrators of CAN homicides are parents of the decedent. (2001-2007)



# Sacramento County CDRT Findings

- Children under one year of age continue to represent the majority of all child deaths. (2004-2007)
- Sleep-related infant deaths, including SIDS and unexpected infant deaths of undetermined cause, have leveled at a constant in Sacto County since 1995. (2000-2003)
- Drowning deaths are the highest in 16 years. (2006)



# Sacramento County CDRT Recommendations

- Support and provide funding for prevention and early-intervention programs such as home visitation. (1997-2007)
- Support implementation, continuation and expansion of public education campaigns aimed at modifiable adult behaviors to educate parents/caregivers on preventable deaths via home visits, hospitals, and FRCs.
- Develop a comprehensive drowning prevention education strategy using best practice methods. (2006)



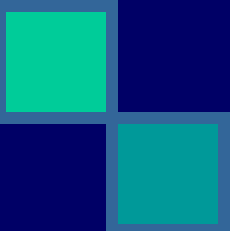

## What Can Be Done? A New Assessment Process

- In 2002 Sacramento County CDRT received one-year planning grant
- Purpose: Implement a new assessment process for 12 years of CDRT data
- *Collaborative to Reduce Child Fatalities*
- Process applied would result in development of programs to reduce preventable child fatalities



## What Can Be Done?

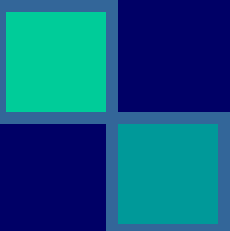

### Collaborative to Reduce Child Fatalities

- Develop a CDRT sponsored broad-based community collaborative to address CDRT injury-related and preventable recommendations
  - Identify and define the problem using CDRT data
  - Develop a community profile to focus and prioritize neighborhood efforts to reduce injury-related deaths
  - Develop a process for stakeholder and community/neighborhood input
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## What Can Be Done?

### Collaborative to Reduce Child Fatalities


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- Develop a comprehensive literature review including best practices
  - Develop a strategic plan including a program model and a plan of action
  - Pilot test and evaluate the program model
  - Revise program model based on pilot
  - Develop a sustainability plan
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# What Can Be Done? Collaborative to Reduce Child Fatalities



## ■ **Process Outcomes**

- A community profile to focus and prioritize prevention efforts
  - Increased education and awareness among agencies and communities/neighborhoods
  - A comprehensive strategic plan and sustainability plan.
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# What Can Be Done?

## Convene Collaborative Partners

- **Develop a CDRT sponsored broad-based community collaborative to address CDRT injury-related and preventable recommendations**
    - Collaborative partners determined by preventable death/injury addressing
      - Hospitals
      - County Agencies(CPS, PH, WIC, etc)
      - CBO's
      - Residents of targeted communities
      - Local Police & Fire Departments
      - Home Visitation & FRC programs
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# What Can Be Done?

## Identify & Define Needs & Assets

- **Identify and define the problem using CDRT data**
  - Demographics (Age, Gender, etc)
  - Geography – County Neighborhoods
  - Risk Factors - Family, Environmental, Situational
- **Develop a community profile to focus and prioritize neighborhood efforts to reduce injury-related deaths**
  - Neighborhood/Community Assets
  - Neighborhood Service Providers

# Sacramento County

## Legend

— Highway/Interstate

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### 10 year Child Death Rate (1993-2002)

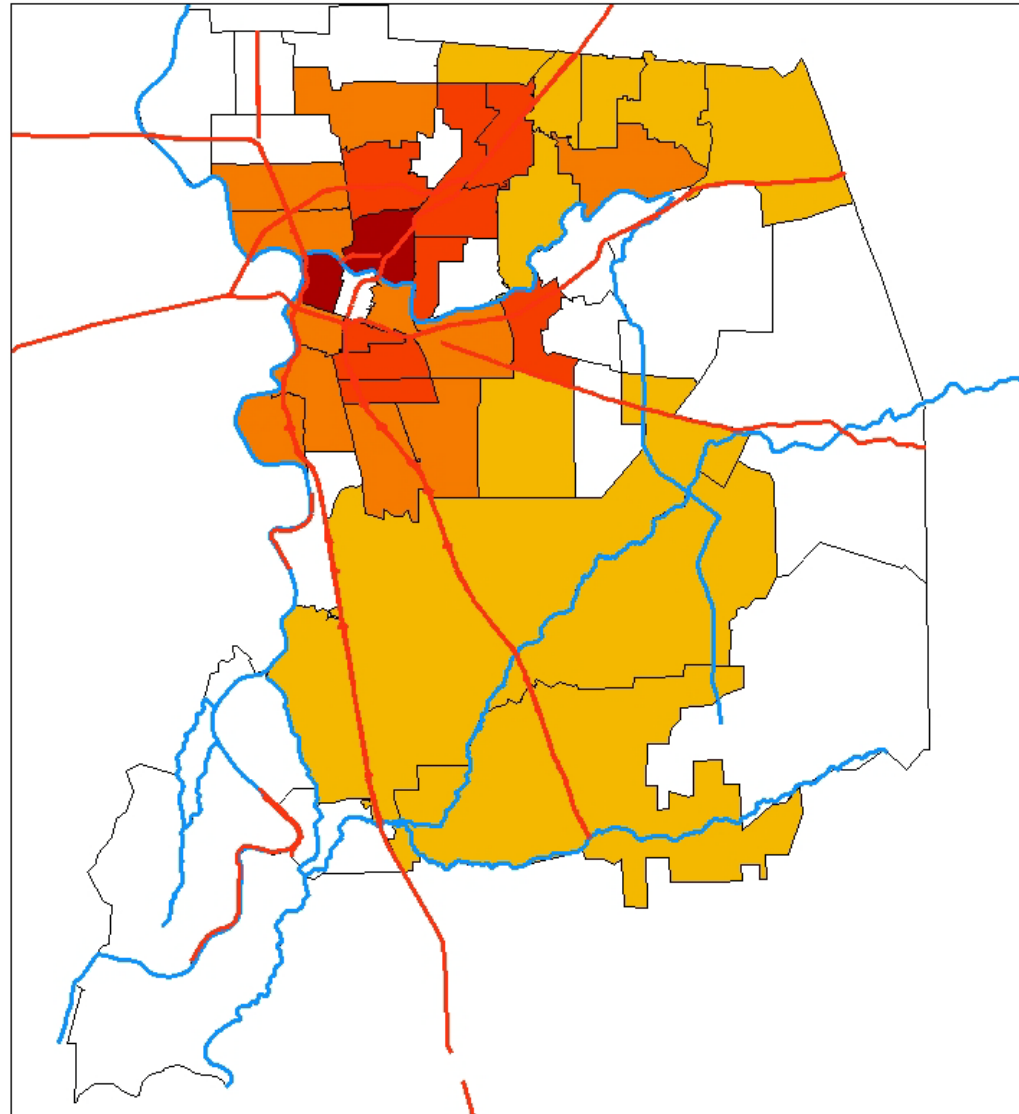
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# What Can Be Done?

## Community and Professional Input

**Develop a process for stakeholder and community/neighborhood input**

Did you know this was happening?

Why is it happening?

How can it be prevented?

- Neighborhood Focus Groups
  - Professional Questionnaires/Surveys
  - Stakeholder/Partner Interviews
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## What Can Be Done? Utilizing the Process Data

- **Develop a comprehensive literature review including best practices**
  - CDRT data, Neighborhood assets, Community and Stakeholder input inform the best practice review
    - California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse
    - Conference with national experts



# What Can Be Done?

## Develop the Prevention Strategy

### Family Support Collaborative

- Established in 1999 by Board of Supervisors
- Public/Private partnership with County agencies (CPS) and CBO's
- Services in neighborhoods where children are most at-risk for child abuse & neglect
- Birth & Beyond Community Response - Home Visitation & Family Resource Centers strategy
- David Olds Model – NFP Public Health strategy




# What Can Be Done?

## Develop the Prevention Strategy



### Birth & Beyond Community Response


- Core County safety net to prevent child abuse and neglect – 1000 HV families served yearly
  - HV targeted to pregnant moms or newborns up to 6 months old – does not serve CPS families
  - Ongoing QA thru B&B committee structure (training, policies & procedures, management)
  - Local, State and Federal funding totals have fluctuated throughout the 10 years
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# Birth & Beyond Outcomes



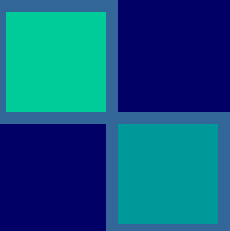

## Birth & Beyond Community Response

- CPS Recidivism Outcomes for Families - Rigorous Comparison Group Evaluation
    - 2/3 of families who received B&B HV services did NOT re-enter the CPS system
    - 88% of families with no prior CPS history had no CPS involvement
    - Participation in B&B delays the onset of CPS recidivism for families who do enter CPS
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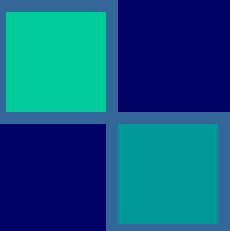

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## Safe Beginnings Project

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- Joint project of Child Abuse Prevention Council of Sacramento & Greater Sacramento Safe Kids
  - GOAL - Reduce infant sleep-related deaths and drowning injuries and deaths in children 0-5 years of age” (2010)
  - Funding from CA Kids Plate License
  - **INPUT RESULTS: Over 90% of stakeholders and parents felt parent education and community awareness were the #1 priority**
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# Safe Beginnings Project Strategic Plan

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- Develop an infant safe-sleeping and drowning prevention message for a public awareness campaign to educate parents and caregivers
  - Develop a infant safe-sleeping and drowning prevention training module to increase the knowledge of parents in the targeted neighborhoods
  - Develop an infant safe-sleeping and drowning prevention training module to train service providers
  - Implement the Cribs for Kids program (UCDMC)
  - Review effectiveness of County pool safety measures
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# Questions and Comments



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