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LOUISIANA STATE CHILD DEATH REVIEW

December 7, 2021

Welcome & Introductions

Zoom Attendees: Alicia Wheeler, Amanda Perry, Danielle Mistretta, Debra Feller, Devin George, Chief Frank Edwards, Jada Brown, Jade Marler, Jane Herwehe, Janice Zube, Jia Benno, Jim Groody, Julie Emerson, Julie Johnston, Kayla Livingston, Kristen Sanderson, Kristy Ferguson, Dr. Laura Clayton-Kleinpeter, Laurel Kitto, Lisa Freeman, Lori Miller, Marty Hennegan, Nicole Cousins, Rachel Purgatorio, Rebecca DeLaSalle, Robyn Thomas, Sandra Adams, Sara Dickerson, Shelly Ryan Gray, Sunny Funk, and Chief Tommy Clark

Welcome to our new members, Representative Julie Emerson and Kristen Sanderson. Kristen Sanderson will be taking on many of the programmatic elements of the Child Death Review Panel.

Farewell to our Mortality Surveillance Epidemiology Manager, Jia Benno.

Firearm Safe Storage Campaign Update:

Materials and the BeSMARTLouisiana.org landing page are being finalized. The communications team is working on a distribution plan for where pamphlets, postcards, and posters will be disseminated. The distribution plan will be dispersed to the panel once it is finalized. The goal is to start the distribution of materials in January when children are back in school. Please contact Jane Herwehe if you have connections to sites or organizations where materials should be sent.

Motor Vehicle Workgroup Update:

The Motor Vehicle workgroup has paused work until next year. Past recommendations focused on streamlining communication efforts around Child Passenger Safety Laws, working with law enforcement to be lenient on parents in violation of the legislation that don't have access to provisions, improving access and increasing education around child passenger safety, and increasing safety for child passengers in emergency transport vehicles. Please contact Jane Herwehe or Julie Johnston if you would like to join for next year.

Agency Updates:

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| Motor Vehicle/Traffic-Related: Car seat safety, seatbelts, driving under the influence, & transport of children with special needs | | |
| Action | Agency | Date |
| In response to the updated CPS law HSC has messages are being recorded in multiple languages to increase awareness in Spanish and Vietnamese speaking families. Messaging also available in Am. Sign Language. | Lisa Freeman, LA Commission of Highway Safety | |
| Homicide: Firearm safe storage, recognizing ACEs, stress management, community connectedness and resilience, & violence prevention | | |
| Action | Agency | Date |
| Two projects in process regarding stress management for post-partum women and for training pediatricians on mental health for parents. | Jane Herwehe, BFH | |
| DCFS is working towards increasing safe storage of firearms and can help families purchase materials. | Lori Miller, DCFS | |
| Coroners had their Fall conference. Coroners will be working with the DA's office on homicide information release. | Jim Groody, Coroner's Association | |
| Working with Trauma informed strategy lead and Trepwise to assess the impact of ACEs prevention. Next year we will develop an ACEs State Action Plan. | Kristen Sanderson, BFH | Current |
| LA AAP and CDR working with LCTF in the secure storage of firearms campaign. | Jane Herwehe, BFH | Jan 2022 |
| Drowning: Water safety promotion, swim lessons for underserved communities, pool safety regulations & code enforcement | | |
| Action | Agency | Date |
| Consumer Product Safety grant focused on drowning prevention ended this year. Highest regions of drowning were the focus of this grant's benefits. Over 200 life jackets given out in region 3. Boys and Girls clubs and other nonprofits benefited from education given. Pool and spa safety code trainings were completed in these regions as well. | Kristen Sanderson, BFH | |
| Suicide: Gatekeeper training, Screening tools, firearm safety | | |
| Action | Agency | Date |
| COVID 19 grant got an extension. ASIST and Safe Talk Saves Lives trainings have concluded. Case management is still ongoing for Baton Rouge. A 26-week program for domestic violence is in the planning stages. Zero Suicide framework will be implemented in six healthcare systems by May. OBH is collaborating with AFSP on Gatekeeper training. Planning for implementation of 988, the new phone number, with stakeholders. 988 will launch in July 2022. | Robyn Thomas, OBH | July, 2022 |
| Grant written for Project AWARE to address mental health for students. Grant from SAMHSA received and 3 parishes will benefit. Welcoming Dr. Byron Hurst. Working closely with BFH to implement ACES training in schools statewide by 2022. | Janice Zube, DOE | |

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| Suicide prevention grant is just getting started. Working with CSN CSLC in Cohort 3 for suicide prevention gatekeeper training. | Jane Herwehe, BFH | |
| LA AAP and CDR working with LCTF in the secure storage of firearms campaign. | Jane Herwehe, BFH | Jan 2022 |
| Safe Sleep: Give Your Baby Space, Pack 'n Play distribution, & safe sleep seminars | | |
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| Recipient of Charlie's Kids foundation for Safe Sleep. Every patient discharged in the next year from NICU will get a book on safe sleep. Media Blitz on safe sleep in progress through regional billboards, radio spots, and social media. | Laurel Kitto, Women's Hospital | 2022 |
| Annual Coroner's Association meeting will be February 4 & 5 in Lafayette. There will be a presentation on infant and SUID education. | Pam Cart, LOPA | 2/4/2022 2/5/2022 |
| Grant received from Family Tree for Pack 'n Plays | Debra Feller, BFH | |
| Cribs for Kids is coming soon to Region 9. | Marty Hennegan, BFH | |
| Other Updates: | | |
| Action | Agency | Date |
| Looking for information on how LDAA can distribute information on firearm safe storage and other types of preventable child fatalities. | Sunny Funk, Jefferson Parish District Attorney's Office | |
| We will hear about AAP and child death small grant opportunity soon. This grant would help further our work on child death surveillance. CDR legislation was updated last year. LPCF looking for a sponsor related to these changes. | Jane Herwehe, BFH | |
| CDR Protocol was presented to the association in July and it was very helpful information for the association. | Chief Tommy Clark, Sheriff's Association | |

Motor Vehicle Data Presentation:

Information presented on motor vehicle child deaths from 2015-2019 by Jada Brown. This presentation focused on demographics, position of child, location of crashes, risk factors, and utility of protective factors such as air bags, seat belts, and child/ booster seats. Contact Jada Brown for any question by emailing Jada.Brown@la.gov

Motor Vehicle Case Review:

Motor Vehicle deaths were reviewed. Two deaths were deemed to be preventable. One death was deemed not preventable. Recommendations recorded for dissemination with local and state action bodies and inclusion in CDR reports.

2022 Meeting Dates and Adjourn: Time: 12-3pm Location: Hybrid

- March 22 Virtual
- June 28 Virtual
- September 27 Virtual
- December 6 in Person

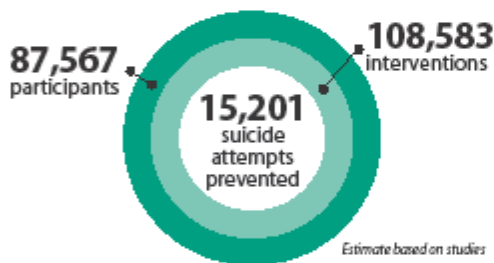


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Suicide is preventable. Anyone can make a difference.

- Two-day workshop in suicide intervention skills
- Learn and practice a life-saving intervention model
- Widely used by professionals and the general public

ASIST's impact in 2016



ASIST works

Studies show that ASIST participants gain:

- ✓ Knowledge about suicide
- ✓ Skills to reach out
- ✓ Confidence to help save a life

ASIST changes lives

Odds of improvement after receiving an ASIST intervention (2013 study):

- ▲ 35% more hopeful
- ▼ 31% less depressed
- ▼ 46% less overwhelmed
- ▼ 74% less suicidal

ASIST is cost-effective

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