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## HELP OUR COMMUNITY'S BABIES HAVE MORE FIRST BIRTHDAYS

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Be a part of community-driven action to make meaningful changes to improve services, systems, and resources for families and reduce stillbirths and infant deaths.

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### WHY YOU SHOULD BECOME INVOLVED:

Infant mortality is a key indicator of the health of a community and its social and economic well-being

- ❖ Our community's fetal & infant mortality rates are persistently high: *consistently higher than the State's average rates*
  - ❖ Alarming racial and ethnic disparities: *Black babies in our area are more than twice as likely to be born still as white babies and are more likely to die before their first birthday*
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### ANYONE PASSIONATE ABOUT SAVING BABIES HAS A PART TO PLAY

- ✓ Community advocates
  - ✓ Community and political leaders
  - ✓ Health care providers & administrators
  - ✓ Social services agencies
  - ✓ Family members who have experienced a still birth or infant loss
  - ✓ Public health workers & administrators
  - ✓ First responders
  - ✓ Chamber of Commerce members/business leaders
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### WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING?

- Identifying gaps in resources and services...*and finding solutions!*
  - Identifying barriers and challenges families face...*and finding solutions!*
  - Identifying social factors that impact stillbirths and infant deaths...*and finding solutions!*
  - Sharing your unique knowledge and experience to strengthen and improve your community
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### WHAT IS FIMR?

- ❖ A national, evidence-based model proven to reduce stillbirths & infant deaths
- ❖ A community-driven, action-based process to review all the circumstances surrounding an infant or fetal loss and find solutions to problems the family experienced accessing services
- ❖ Provides context to the life of the parents, the family, and the death of the infant
- ❖ Identifies social factors that impact outcomes



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## WHAT FIMR IS NOT

- ❖ FIMR is *NOT* about assigning blame or fault or determining each individual death was preventable--*there is something to be learned by every loss*
- ❖ You will *NOT* see any pictures and cases are *anonymous* and confidential
- ❖ FIMR is *NOT* conducting research on causes of fetal & infant deaths—social, economic, and systems factors are tracked for the purpose of improving care and resources in a specific community

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## HOW FIMR WORKS

Based on their expertise, FIMR members will participate in one of the FIMR workgroups: either the *The Case Review Team* or the *Community Action Group*

- **Case Review Team (CRT)** is the “information processing” group. This is the team that will review and analyze the medical case extractions and the family interviews and develop recommendations as to what services, systems, and/or policies should be created or improved
  - CRT member commitment:
    - One-time virtual, self-paced FIMR training
    - One, 2-3 hour meeting once per month (*no meetings* in June & December)
    - Time to review Case Summary Reports prior to monthly meeting (3-4 cases)
- **Community Action Group (CAG)** are the “champions for change” that have the political will and resources to develop and implement solutions based on the recommendations from the Case Review Team
  - CAG member commitment:
    - One-time virtual, self-paced FIMR training
    - One, 1-2 hour meeting once per quarter
    - Time and resources to implement an Action Plan created by the team

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## NEXT STEPS:

- Introductory meeting being planned for early **January 2023**
- First **Case Review Team (CRT)** meeting to take place at the end of **January 2023**
- First **Community Action Group (CAG)** meeting to take place in **March 2023**
- **Have questions?** Contact Shelly Vickers at [svickers@wellflorida.org](mailto:svickers@wellflorida.org) or 352-313-6500 x8032
- **Ready to become part of the team?** Please use QR code below for next steps or go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022FIMRInterest>

