

What is FIMR?

The Windham area Fetal Infant Mortality Review Program is funded through a grant from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health and is affiliated with the National Fetal Infant Mortality Program.

The overall goal of fetal and infant mortality review is to enhance the health and well-being of women, infants, and their families through improving the community resources and service delivery systems available to these families. Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) is an ongoing community process for assessing, planning, improving and monitoring the service systems and broad community resources that support and promote the health and well-being of women, infants and families. Information from the process is used to guide policy development and define and maintain quality maternal and child health programs.

Major aspects of FIMR programs include:

- examining the significant social, economic, cultural, safety and health systems factors that are associated with fetal and infant mortality and low birth weights through review of individual cases;
- planning a series of interventions and policies that address these factors to improve the service systems and community resources;
- participating in implementing community-based interventions and policies; and
- assessing the progress of the interventions.

FIMR brings together key members of the community to examine information from individual cases of fetal and infant deaths and low birth weights. This group then identifies the factors that contributed to those poor birth outcomes, determine if these factors represent system problems that require change, develop recommendations for change and assist in the implementation of change.

How Do I Participate in the FIMR Process?

- Come in for an interview and let your voice be heard. To participate in an interview you have either experienced a fetal or infant death or had a low birth weight baby, under 5 lbs. 8oz.
- Donate your time or money to the FIMR program to enhance its process to improve maternal and infant health care systems and to reach participants in the FIMR Program.

What is the Interview?

- The interview is confidential.
- What you have to say about your pregnancy and about your experience is important to us. The interview allows your voice to be heard.
- It lasts about two hours and you will be asked a series of questions, and you can stop the interview at any time. Most people find the interview to be comfortable and helpful.
- The interview can take place at your home or wherever you feel the most comfortable.
- A \$20.00 gift certificate will be given to you for your participation.
- You will also receive information regarding community and bereavement resources.
- Translation services are available if needed.

How Do I Contact FIMR for an Interview?

Simply call Windham Regional Community Council, Inc. at (860) 423-4534 and ask for the FIMR Program.

OR

You could drop off, mail or fax the following information.

Mail to :
WRCC

Attn: FIMR
872 Main St.
Willimantic, CT 06226

Fax: (860) 423-2601

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Best time to call _____

I, _____
(signature)

am interested in being interviewed by FIMR.

How Do I Contribute to the FIMR Program?

You can do any of the following to contribute time or money to the FIMR Program. All donations are tax deductible and feel free to call us with any questions at (860) 423-4534.

Make all checks payable to:
WRCC / FIMR

Mail payments to:
WRCC

ATTN: FIMR
872 Main Street
Willimantic, CT 06226

Yes, I am interested in donating the following to the FIMR Program:

- \$100.00 to donate to the overall operations of the FIMR Program.
- \$50.00 to purchase bereavement materials to give to families who have experienced a loss.
- \$40.00 to purchase two gift certificates for interview participation.
- \$25.00 to buy low birth weight babies clothing to give to families.
- \$20.00 to purchase one gift certificate for interview participation.
- \$_____ other gift.
- I would like to assist FIMR with other activities or join a committee; my name, address and telephone number are:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

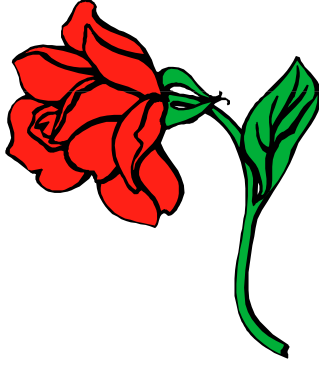
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