Delaware Child Death Review

What is Child Death Review?

- Reviews child deaths involving homicide, suicide, natural causes, and accidents
- Examines what happened and why to identify opportunities for prevention
- Uses findings to improve care for children and families



What Factors Are Examined?

Cause and Circumstances of Death	Family and Social Stressors	School and Child Welfare Policies	Health Care and Systemic Factors

2025 Key Findings

- 21 Child Death Review cases were reviewed in 2025.
- Families who lost a child often experienced multiple social, financial, and health-related stressors.
- This review identified opportunities to strengthen prevention and family support, such as using social media platforms to increase awareness

What's Next?

- Review panel expertise and recruit new members to fill gaps in knowledge
- Conduct a multiyear analysis of youth suicides to identify further opportunities for prevention

Review Process

1. Child Death Occurs
2. Case Review
3. Identify Contributing Factors
4. Develop Recommendations
5. Strengthen Prevention

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