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FCCS PROCEDURE

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**SUBJECT: Deceased Child External Committee
Reporting Confidentiality Policy**

Approved by: Deputy Director and Chief Legal Counsel

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Responsible for Implementation: Risk Management Committee Members

Policy: FCCS is a mandated participant of the Franklin County Child Fatality Review Board (FCCFR) and its sub-committees. FCCS provides demographic and case involvement information to assist with the FCCFR's duties, including:

- Promoting cooperation, collaboration, and communication between all groups, professions, agencies, or entities that serve families and children;
- Maintaining a comprehensive database of all child deaths that occur in the county or region served by the child fatality review board in order to develop an understanding of the causes and incidence of those deaths;
- Recommending and developing plans for implementing local service and program changes and changes to the groups, professions, agencies, or entities that serve families and children that might prevent child deaths;
- Advising the department of health of aggregate data, trends, and patterns concerning child deaths.

Procedures:

- 1) Screening Subcommittee

- a) FCCS will provide all applicable information as requested by FCCFR through the data collection tool identified through the Ohio Department of Health. See the FCCS Data Screening Form (Green Sheet).

2) Franklin County Child Fatality Review Board (FCCFR)

- a) FCCS will provide a representative to share information that is relevant to the child's death and the purpose of the review. This information will include:

- i) The FCCS Data Screening Form information,
- ii) The case status and investigation summary for deaths the team is reviewing,
- iii) Information regarding the family and child, such as the family's history and socioeconomic factors that might influence family dynamics, including unemployment, divorce, previous deaths, history of domestic violence, history of drug abuse and previous abuse/neglect of children
 - Includes Substantiated and Indicated reports of abuse & neglect and Alternative Response Assessments
 - FINS, I&R's, Dependency, Screen outs, Unsubstantiated Reports, Placement history and history of AWOL will only be shared if pertinent to the discussion of the child's death and purpose of the review.
- iv) General safety information regarding other children in the home,
- v) Previous substantiated and indicated reports of abuse or neglect by the alleged perpetrator.

- b) Provide the Team with expertise by:

- i) Using specialized knowledge to design better intervention and prevention strategies
- ii) Identifying local and state issues related to preventable deaths

- c) Support the Team with assistance by:

- i) Educating the team regarding child protection issues and how CPS works
- ii) Working to improve the human services system's responsiveness to a suspicious child death

- iii) Training other team members about warning signs of abuse and neglect
 - iv) Linkages to the juvenile court system when it is needed to assure protection of surviving children
 - v) Protecting potentially at-risk siblings or other children in the home
 - vi) Providing or identifying services that can be offered to the family
- d) Help build bridges by:
 - i) Learning about the policies and practices of other agencies through team participation
 - ii) Explaining to the team how to improve coordination with social service agencies
 - iii) Assisting the criminal investigation by sharing a specialized knowledge base
 - iv) Acting as a liaison between other jurisdictional CPS units, and other local and state child welfare agencies
- 3) Sudden Unexplained Infant Death (SUID) Subcommittee, which reviews all sleep-related infant deaths.
 - a) FCCS will provide a representative to share information that is relevant to the child's death and the purpose of the review. The information and participation responsibilities mirror FCCFR.
- 4) Implementation Subcommittee
 - a) FCCS will provide a representative to share information and participate in work sessions to review subcommittee recommendations for ways to prevent future child deaths and develop implementation strategies to impact the number of children dying from preventable deaths.
- 5) Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR)
 - a) FCCS will voluntarily provide a representative to attend meetings, as determined necessary by FCCS, to participate in group discussion and glean applicable information relative to child protective services.
 - b) FCCS will complete the FCCS Data Screening Form (Green Sheet) as requested by the FIMR coordinator to enhance the group's discussion and efforts.