

2010 Child Fatality Review Team Request for Proposals

The 2010 Child Fatality Review Team (CFRT) Request for Proposals was released on August 4, 2010. Scheduled start date for this initiative is February 1, 2011.

There was \$290,680 made available for start up of CFRT Programs. There were 5 proposals submitted and all were acceptable for review. The recommended proposals included:

- Niagara County Department of Social Services: Requested and funded for \$49,850:
- Southern Tier Health Care System Inc. (Allegany County): Requested and funded for \$25,000:
- Westchester County Dept. of Law, Office of the County Attorney: Requested and funded for \$74,000:
- County of Orange, New York: Requested and funded for \$75,000:
- Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families: Requested \$75,000 and funded for \$66,830.

Background:

New York State Social Services Law allows Child Fatality Review Teams (CFRT's) to be established at a local or regional level with the approval of the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS). CFRT's bring community agencies together to systemically share information on child death events and identify risk factors in these deaths. The goal of the CFRT is to identify how and why children die in order to support local actions to prevent deaths within communities.

CFRT's are a multidisciplinary group of professionals with responsibility for the review of child deaths. Local or regional CFRT's approved by OCFS are authorized to review the death of any child whose care and custody or custody and guardianship has been transferred to an authorized agency, any child for whom child protective services has an open case, any child for whom the local department of social services has an open preventive services case, and any child named in a report made to the New York Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment (SCR) involving the death of the child. A fatality review team may also investigate any unexplained or unexpected death of any child under the age of eighteen.