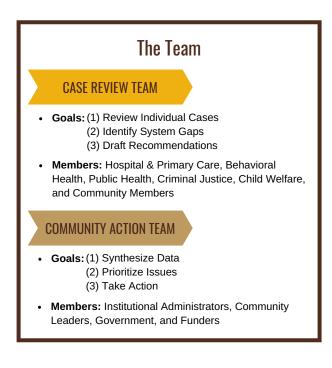
Kalamazoo County Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR)

FIMR is a community-level, interdisciplinary continuous quality improvement (CQI) process for identifying root causes and preventing future deaths.

Infant Morality is the tip of the iceberg ...

Across the globe and the nation, Infant Mortality (the death of a baby before its first birthday, is a "white glove" test of a community's health. High infant mortality rates and reasons babies are dying is considered the tip of the iceberg for two main reasons:

- Problems that are harming babies are problems that are affecting the entire community in less visible ways;
- For every infant that dies, there are many times more infants who survive but at disadvantages that affect them throughout their lives, keeping them behind every step of the way.





Accomplishments from mid-2015 to mid-2019

- Hosted 50 monthly meetings with representatives from 15 community organizations from the medical, public health, social service, and education field
- · Reviewed over 70 cases of infant and stillbirth deaths
- Conducted over 35 family interviews
- Identified multiple social and health system gaps that informed recommendations to the Community Action Team, Cradle Steering Committee
- Created process for submitting recommendations to the Michigan FIMR Network
- Facilitated training for the Michigan FIMR Network
- Member of the National Center for Child Fatality Review & Prevention Workgroup on Disparities

