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Reviewing Suicides: Best Practices, Success Stories and Resources

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SPEAKERS

**Diane Pilkey, RN, MPH—Health Resources and Services
Administration**

Teri Covington, MPH—National Center Consultant

Kelly Cunningham, MPH—Indiana Department of Health

Rachel Heitmann, MPH—Tennessee Department of Health

Teresa Paulus—Winnebago County, WI Department of Health

Lauren Savitskas, MPH—Indiana Department of Health

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Join the National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention for a webinar focused on best practices in reviewing youth suicides to include a discussion on conducting reviews, success stories from the field, and prevention partners. A new National Center guidance on suicide reviews will be featured and released during this webinar.

Speaker Biographies

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Diane Pilkey, RN, MPH



Ms. Pilkey is a Senior Nurse Consultant at the Maternal and Child Health Bureau/Health Resources and Services Administration and the federal project officer for the National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention cooperative agreement. Ms. Pilkey has more than 20 years of experience in public health at the local, state, and federal level, including with the Washington State Department of Health, where she worked as an epidemiologist and the Child Death Review Assessment Coordinator. Ms. Pilkey is a registered nurse who has practiced in both clinical and public health settings in both urban and rural settings. Her work has focused on children and adolescents, injury and violence, infant mortality, and early childhood. Ms. Pilkey has a master's in Public Health from the Maternal and Child Health program at the University of Washington Public Health School, a bachelor's in nursing from the University of North Carolina, and a bachelor's in Cultural Anthropology from Duke University.

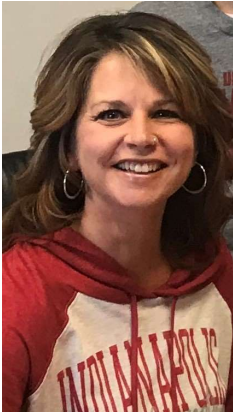
Guest Speakers

Teri Covington, MPH



Teri Covington is the founding director of the National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention, serving from 2002-2017. Ms. Covington started the Michigan Child Death Review (CDR) and Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) programs which she managed for eight years. After leaving the National Center, Ms. Covington went on to lead Within Our Reach an office established at the Alliance for Strong Families and Communities to advance recommendations from the Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities. Ms. Covington spent the first half of her 34-year public health career as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Philippines, the health educator for the N. Cheyenne, and director of two teen health centers in Flint, Michigan.

Kelly Cunningham, MPH



Kelly Cunningham has been part of the Indiana child fatality review program since 2006. She helped pilot the overdose fatality review program in Indiana and co-coordinates a Suicide Sub-Committee for the Indiana Statewide Child Fatality Review Committee. Kelly currently serves as the Indiana state coordinator for the FIMR and Maternal Mortality Review programs. All of these programs are housed within the Division of Fatality Review and Prevention at the Indiana Department of Health and work collaboratively to improve the lives of Hoosier families. Kelly earned her Master of Public Health from Indiana University—Purdue University Indianapolis in 2005. She lives in central Indiana with her husband, children, and many pets.

Rachel Heitmann, MS



Rachel Heitmann has worked at the Tennessee Department of Health since 2005. For the past 10 years, Rachel has been the Section Chief for the Injury Prevention and Detection section. In this position, she is responsible for the overall function of several programs at the health department including Injury Prevention, Suicide Prevention, Child Fatality Review, Maternal Mortality Review, Fetal and Infant Mortality Review, Traumatic Brain Injury, and Infant Mortality Reduction. Ms. Heitmann has a bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire and a master's degree in Mental Health Counseling from the University of Wisconsin - Stout.

Teresa Paulus



Teresa Paulus has been a Public Health Nurse for 30 years with Winnebago County Health Department. She serves as a steering Committee member for the National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention/Action Team for Youth Suicide Prevention. Ms. Paulus is a team member for Wisconsin's Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC) Community of Practice on State Infrastructure for Suicide Prevention and co-chairs the Winnebago County Child Death Review Team. Led team to develop Suicide Prevention Recommendations for Youth. Leads community efforts in the area of Suicide Prevention Data collection through the Suicide Death Investigation Form. Ms. Paulus knows the all-consuming grief of losing a child and is passionate about the work of the Child Death Review Team in saving the lives of our children.

Lauren Savitskas, MPH



Lauren Savitskas graduated from Indiana University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and a minor in Kinesiology. She continued her education at the Indiana University Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health to obtain her Master of Public Health with a concentration in Social and Behavioral Sciences. Lauren worked at the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) as a community outreach coordinator for two years before working as a Substance Abuse Program Manager at the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. Lauren returned to IDOH in the fall of 2018 as the Suicide/Overdose Fatality Review (SOFR) Program Manager. The Indiana SOFR program has been selected to be a CDC peer-to-peer technical assistance site, a BJA mentor site, and a BJA pilot site for data entry. She also chairs the Suicide Learning Collaborative and the Pediatric Suicide Child Fatality Review Team.

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