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Date:

To: Washoe County Child Death Review Team

From: Nevada Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children

Re: 2022 Quarter 2 Recommendation

The Nevada Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children (Executive Committee) meets quarterly to review the reports and recommendations of the regional multidisciplinary child death review teams and respond to these recommendations. This can include, but is not limited to, making recommendations for improvements to laws, policies, and practices to prevent the deaths of children under eighteen (18) in Nevada.

In Quarter 2 of 2022, the Washoe County Child Death Review Team submitted the following recommendations to the Executive Committee:

- **Local Pediatricians provide safe sleep education as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. State-specific statistics may be helpful to include in the Safe Sleep literature.**

Unsafe sleep conditions continue to be a concern throughout the state and to be a leading cause of death for infants in Nevada. Nevada data on safe sleep can be accessed on the [Maternal and Child Health Data Dashboard](#) or in the [Nevada Child Death Report](#). Self-report data indicate Nevada families placing infants on an approved separate safe sleep surface 33.2 percent in 2020, less than the national average of 36.9 percent.

After discussing the recommendations, the Executive Committee sent out a letter to medical professionals across the state to encourage Nevada pediatricians, nurse practitioners, Advance Practice Registered Nurses, Doctors of Nursing Practice, Certified Nurse Midwives, other midwives, lactation consultants, and doulas to provide safe sleep education during appointments and encourage implementing policies that safe sleep be discussed and documented at specific appointments for parents with children under the age of one year. The above information was also provided in the letter, as was the information to connect with Cribs for Kids.

The Executive Committee values your commitment in preventing child deaths in the State of Nevada. Please feel free to reach out with any questions to Jessica Freeman, [jfreeman@dcs.nv.gov](mailto:jfreeman@dcs.nv.gov), 702-486-7711.

Respectfully,

The Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children