

2008 Granville-Vance District Health Department Child Fatality Prevention Team Report

The Granville and Vance Child Fatality Prevention Teams (CFPT) reviewed child deaths (0-17 years old) quarterly in 2008 that occurred in the previous year. The CFPT meets jointly with the Community Child Protection Team, along with Safe Kids in Vance County, to review the child deaths. The goal is to determine if any deficiencies occurred in service delivery that may have contributed to a child's death. This information can be used to recommend changes.

2007 deaths include:

Granville

- 1 – 17 year old with pulmonary complications from Cystic Fibrosis
- 1 – 8 month old due to aspiration of gastric contents
- 1 – 17 year old due to Methadone poisoning
- 2 – extreme prematurity: 1 – 2 hours old and 1 – 14 days old
- 3 – motor vehicle accidents: 9, 15, and 16 years old

Vance

- 7 – extreme prematurity, including 1 set of twins
- 1 – genetic disorder
- 2 – congenital anomalies
- 2 – SIDs
- 2 – house fires: twins
- 1 – firearm
- 1 – myeloid leukemia
- 1 – cardiac arrest

	Granville	Vance	Total
2007 Total Child Deaths	8	17	25
2006 Total Child Deaths	9	13	22
2005 Total Child Deaths	4	10	14
2004 Total Child Deaths	9	8	17

No deficiencies were found in service delivery. Team recommendations include: continue offering education about Shaken Baby Syndrome, SIDs, safe sleeping environment, early prenatal care, use of folic acid, smoking and drug use in pregnancy, proper infant/child safety restraints, use of smoke detectors and fire escape plans for the home, as well as bike helmet use and gun safety.

Both health departments provide classes for pregnant women and parents regarding prenatal and infant care. New car seats and booster seats are available at reduced cost at the health departments, Safe Kids events, and Vance County Fire Departments. Bike helmets, gun locks, and smoke detectors are also available through Safe Kids, law enforcement, and fire departments. Maria Parham Medical Center monitors the Safe Surrender Program.