

2011 Granville-Vance District Health Department Child Fatality Prevention Team Report

The Granville and Vance County Child Fatality Prevention Teams (CFPT) reviewed quarterly child (0-17 years old) deaths that have occurred the previous year. The CFPT meets jointly with the Community Child Protection Team to review the child deaths. The goals are to determine if any deficiencies occurred in service delivery that may have contributed to a child's death, as well as make recommendations for changes that will prevent future child deaths.

2010 deaths included:

Granville:

- 1- 16 year old due to injuries from MVA
- 1- 5 year old due to drowning
- 1- 15 year old due to severe head trauma
- 1- infant born at term unresponsive
- 1- 3 year old due to drowning
- 1- 14 year old due to severe asthma attack

Vance:

- 2- infants due to extreme prematurity
- 1- 27 day old infant due to SIDS
- 1- infant due to anencephaly
- 1- infant due to intracranial hemorrhage of newborn
- 1- infant due to Down's Syndrome
- 1- 5 week old infant due to bronchopneumonia

	Granville	Vance	Total
2010 total child deaths	6	7	13
2009 total child deaths	6	7	13
2008 total child deaths	8	11	19
2007 total child deaths	8	17	25
2006 total child deaths	9	14	23

No deficiencies were found in service delivery. The Vance County Child Fatality Protection Team is in the process of launching a campaign on "Safe Sleeping" with a focus on the prevention of "Roll-Over" deaths and no "Co-Sleeping." Also, with the health department's partnership with Northern Piedmont Community Care, there will be more education for parents on a variety of health care topics including but not limited to asthma, diabetes, and obesity. Other team recommendations include: continue offering education about Shaken Baby Syndrome, early prenatal care, use of folic acid, smoking/drugs/alcohol use during pregnancy, proper infant/child safety restraints, use of smoke/carbon dioxide detectors and fire escape plans for the home, as well as bike helmet use and gun/water safety.

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