Child Fatality/Near Fatality County Webinar

PRESENTED BY:
CRITICAL INCIDENT OVERSIGHT AND SUPPORT UNIT

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Friendly Reminders

- Please ensure you are on mute during the duration of the PowerPoint to eliminate any outside distractions.
- Feel free to use the chat feature to ask questions during the webinar.
 - Common questions will be answered verbally.
 - When speaking, please state your name and county/agency.
 - Any unanswered questions will be responded to after the webinar via email.
 - Webinar is being recorded for training and resource purposes.

Webinar Agenda

- Welcome: Housekeeping
- Section 1: County Consultation 2020 Data
- Section 2: Sleep Related Fatalities
- Section 3: Santa Clara County and CIOSU Collaboration
- Section 4: Poll Feedback on Webinar Structure

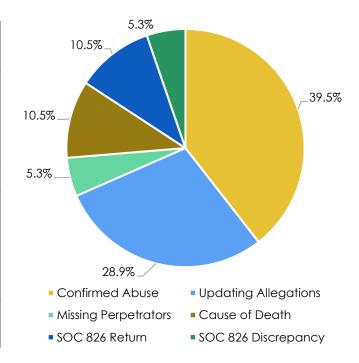
Section 1:

County
Consultation 2020
Data

County Consultation Categories		
Confirmed Abuse	Death circumstance type is marked incorrectly in the child's demographic page – per ACL 14-01 should be "confirmed abuse"	
Updating Allegations	Allegations are either not assigned or needs to be uploaded based on the findings.	
Missing Perpetrators	No perpetrator(s) is noted on the allegation page.	
Cause of Death	No cause of death found in the documentation – pending autopsy.	
SOC 826 Discrepancy	Inconsistency between the SOC 826 and CWS/CMS Documentation.	
SOC 826 Return	Does not meet reporting requirements.	
Near Fatality Documentation	Missing Physician Certification in the DSL/Hospitalization Tab	

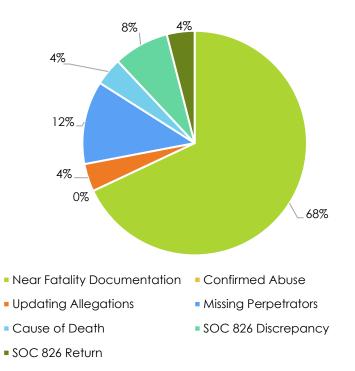
County Consultation CY 2020 -Fatalities

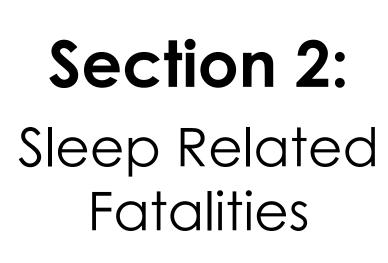
Categories	Consultations Conducted	Total Percentage
Confirmed Abuse	15	39.5%
Updating Allegations	11	28.9%
Missing Perpetrators	2	5.3%
Cause of Death	4	10.5%
SOC 826 Return	4	10.5%
SOC 826 Discrepancy	2	5.3%
Total	38	100%



County Consultation CY 2020 – Near Fatalities

Categories	Consultations Conducted	Total Percentage
Near Fatality Documentation	17	68%
Confirmed Abuse (does not apply)	0	0%
Updating Allegations	1	4%
Missing Perpetrators	3	12%
Cause of Death	1	4%
SOC 826 Discrepancy	2	8%
SOC 826 Return	1	4%
Total	25	100%

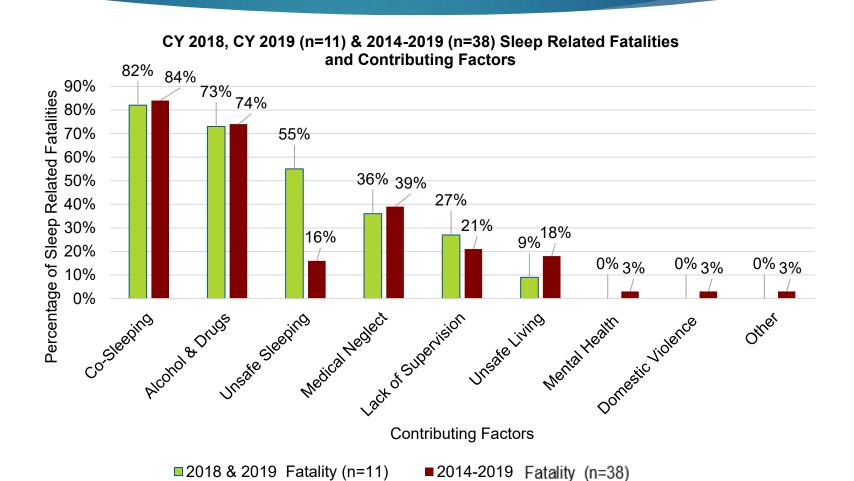




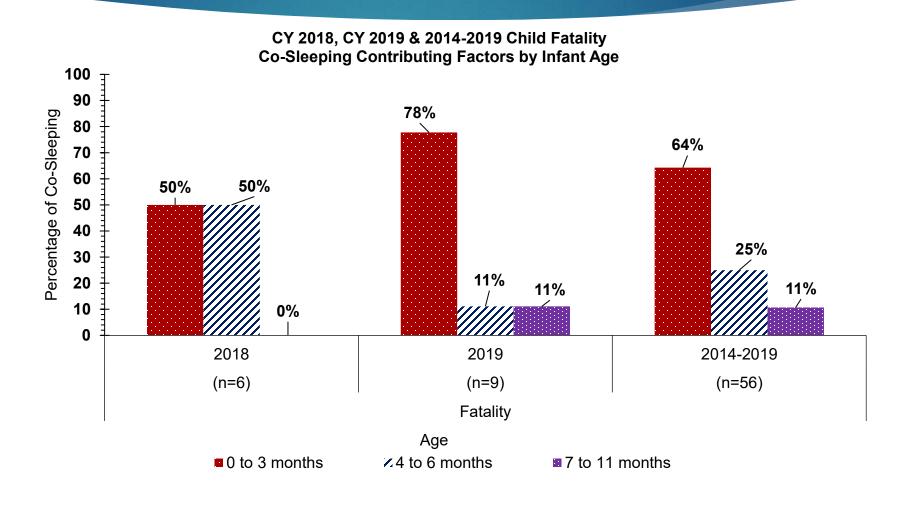
When Might the
County Submit a Sleep
Related Fatality to
CDSS



Sleep Related Fatalities 2014-2019



Fatalities with Co-Sleeping by Infant Age



Section 3: Santa Clara County & CIOSU Collaboration

Collaboration Work

- Santa Clara requested for CIOSU to provide a presentation in order to strengthen their internal process of fatality and near fatality reporting
- CIOSU provided 2 presentations to Santa Clara in July 2025
- The presentation covered legislative background, ACL/ACINs, SOC 826 form and checklist, fatality reporting requirement and near fatality reporting requirements that documentation in CWS/CMS
- Upon completion of the presentation, Joanne, Senior Instructional Designer (Santa Clara) created a Web Based Training which will be utilized to train staff in the county



Santa Clara County

Web Based Training

PRESENTED BY JOANNE



Section 4:Poll Question

POLL QUESTION

- Webinar Current Structure
 - April Major Findings of Calendar Year Data of F/NF
 - October General with topics and share outs
 - Webinar by County Size can potentially:
 - Increase county engagement
 - Create a space for resource sharing
 - Increase collaboration amongst counties

Thank you for your participation!

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