

# Marion County Child Fatality Review (CFR)

## Committee Co-Chairs

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## Main Points

- Undue pressure to reduce foster care placements could increase fatalities.
  - Direct correlation between child maltreatment and youth suicidal ideation.
  - Effort to decrease suicides needs child maltreatment prevention.
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- Loss of Title IV-E funding and agreement for DA to handle dependency cases negatively impacts local systems.

# Forty-Five Child Fatalities (2014 – 2018)

Judgement of CFR Committee	Asphyxia Deaths	Fire-Related Deaths	Health-related Deaths	Homicides	Suicides	Traffic-Related Deaths	Unknown	Water-Related Deaths	Total Deaths
<b>Preventable</b>	6	2	0	4	6	10	3	4	35
<b>Not Preventable</b>	0	1	7	0	0	0	2	0	10

Judgement of CFR Committee	Asphyxia	Fire-Related	Health-related Deaths	Homicide	Suicide	Traffic-Related	Unknown	Water-Related	Total Deaths
<b>Other Individual's Actions/Failures to Act Associated with Death</b>	3	2	0	4	0	1	1	1	12
<b>Actions/Failures to Act <u>NOT</u> Associated with Death</b>	3	1	7	0	6	9	4	3	33

# CFR Committee: Why and Outcomes

## Why, Who, When

- **Why:**
- Oregon Revised Statute 418.785, Marion County Child Abuse Protocol; part of CART; co-chaired by Brendan and Alison with LH MD input
- **Who:**
- DA, LEA, HD, ME, LH, SH, and other ad-hoc representatives
- **When:**
- 1st Fridays of March, June, September, December at 9:00 AM

## Outcomes

- Ad-Hoc Child Suicide Prevention Work Group
- Safe Sleep Initiatives
- Child Death Reports
- Innovative community responses