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### Some Helpful Resources:

**Call your local hospital or  
healthcare provider for a grief  
support group in your area**

#### March of Dimes

[http://www.marchofdimes.com/  
pnhec/572.asp](http://www.marchofdimes.com/pnhec/572.asp)

A leading nonprofit organization for  
pregnancy and baby health with a  
resource "From Hurt to Healing"

#### 211 Maine

<http://211maineportal.communityos.org> -  
For local resources

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## MATERNAL, FETAL AND INFANT MORTALITY REVIEW PANEL



## INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

## **MAINE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION**

One of the goals of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC) is to improve the health and well-being of mothers and babies in Maine. We want to make sure that more Maine women have healthy pregnancies.

### **WHAT IS THE MATERNAL, FETAL AND INFANT MORTALITY REVIEW PANEL?**

This program asks mothers and families to tell us the story about their baby, the pregnancy and the death they have experienced. The purpose of the review is not to assign blame. The purpose is to help others find answers. It asks important questions like:

- ◆ What causes babies to die or be still-born in our state?
- ◆ Why are some babies being born sick, too small or too soon?
- ◆ Why do some women die as a result of their pregnancy?
- ◆ What can be done to make a difference in the future?

## **HOW CAN WE MAKE CHANGES TOGETHER?**

By spending an hour or so talking with our Home Interviewer, you can tell us about your experience. Information from your interview will be used to help better understand the needs of mothers and infants and to develop programs or services to meet these needs.

### **IF YOU AGREE TO PARTICIPATE....**

There are several ways you can choose to participate. You can choose to be interviewed and agree to have medical records reviewed. You can just be interviewed and not have records reviewed. You can agree to have records reviewed and not be interviewed. Or, you can decide not to participate at all. If you chose to do an interview, we will schedule a time to talk with you privately at a convenient time and place for you. You will be asked questions about the pregnancy, delivery, and the experience surrounding the death of the child or mother. You do not have to answer any questions that make you feel uncomfortable. If you are interested, the Home Interviewer can make a referral for grief counseling. This counseling is available to you even if you decide not to participate in the program in any way.

## **YOUR PRIVACY IS IMPORTANT TO US**

The Panel will review only a summary of the information you give us and no names will be identified during the process.



### **PARTICIPATION IS YOUR CHOICE**

Only you can decide whether or not participating is right for you. As a mother or family member who has recently suffered a death, you can tell us about your experience and suggest services you think would help others in the future. What you have to say is very important, and we hope to have the opportunity to hear your story.

