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OUTREACH

EDUCATION

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IMPROVE HEALTH

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SUPPORT

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PARTNERSHIP

STUDIES

FOR PROFESSIONALS

FOR FAMILIES

Our mission

The Infant Death Center of Wisconsin, by collaboratively engaging in outreach, education and infant mortality review activities, strives to improve the health of infants and reduce infant deaths. The IDCW partners with local, regional, state and national public and private health systems, organizations and infant mortality programs. The IDCW provides culturally competent bereavement information and support throughout Wisconsin to families and others affected by the sudden and unexpected death of an infant.

Referrals

Anyone may make a referral to the IDCW. The goal is to make sure families are aware of the services available to them in a timely manner. This ensures they have the support and assistance they need.

Services to families

- Counseling.
- Support groups.
- Newsletters.
- Research.
- Annual family conferences.
- Memorial programs.
- Peer parent support.
- Education about Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, grief and loss issues.
- Collaboration with public health agencies.
- Pediatric pathologist available to consult with families.
- Outreach activities to ensure distribution of risk reduction and injury prevention information.



Collaborations

The IDCW collects data that will assist in identifying factors involved in infant mortality. We also work with public health departments and other agencies and programs to reduce infant mortality and improve the health status of infants and children.

Services to professionals and community groups

- Case consultation.
- Discipline-specific training.
- Regional training programs.
- Newsletter.
- Involvement in Child Death Review Teams and Fetal Infant Mortality Review Teams.
- Press releases and news conferences.
- Community presentations.
- Availability of pediatric pathologist for consultation.
- Development and distribution of informational material on risk reduction.

Background

The IDCW was founded in 1980. It consists of a central office and two regional satellite offices. Boundaries of the regional offices correlate with the State of Wisconsin Public Health regions. This structure allows families access in their geographic area. It also permits the IDCW to meet the individual needs of families and communities throughout the state.

The IDCW has a State Community Council. The council provides advice and counsel to the overall program. Each satellite office has a regional council addressing the specific needs of the region. The councils are comprised of parents and professionals working together.

Cost

There is no charge to families for the services of the IDCW. The center is funded by:

- Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.
- Private donations.
- A MCH Title V Services Block Grant, through the Maternal Child Health Bureau of the Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

Web site

Visit our Web site, www.idcw.org, for additional information about services. This includes:

- Support groups.
- Research and education.
- Links for families and professionals.
- Answers to frequently asked questions.
- Statistics.
- Archived issues of the IDCW newsletter.
- A calendar of events.
- Fundraising activities.