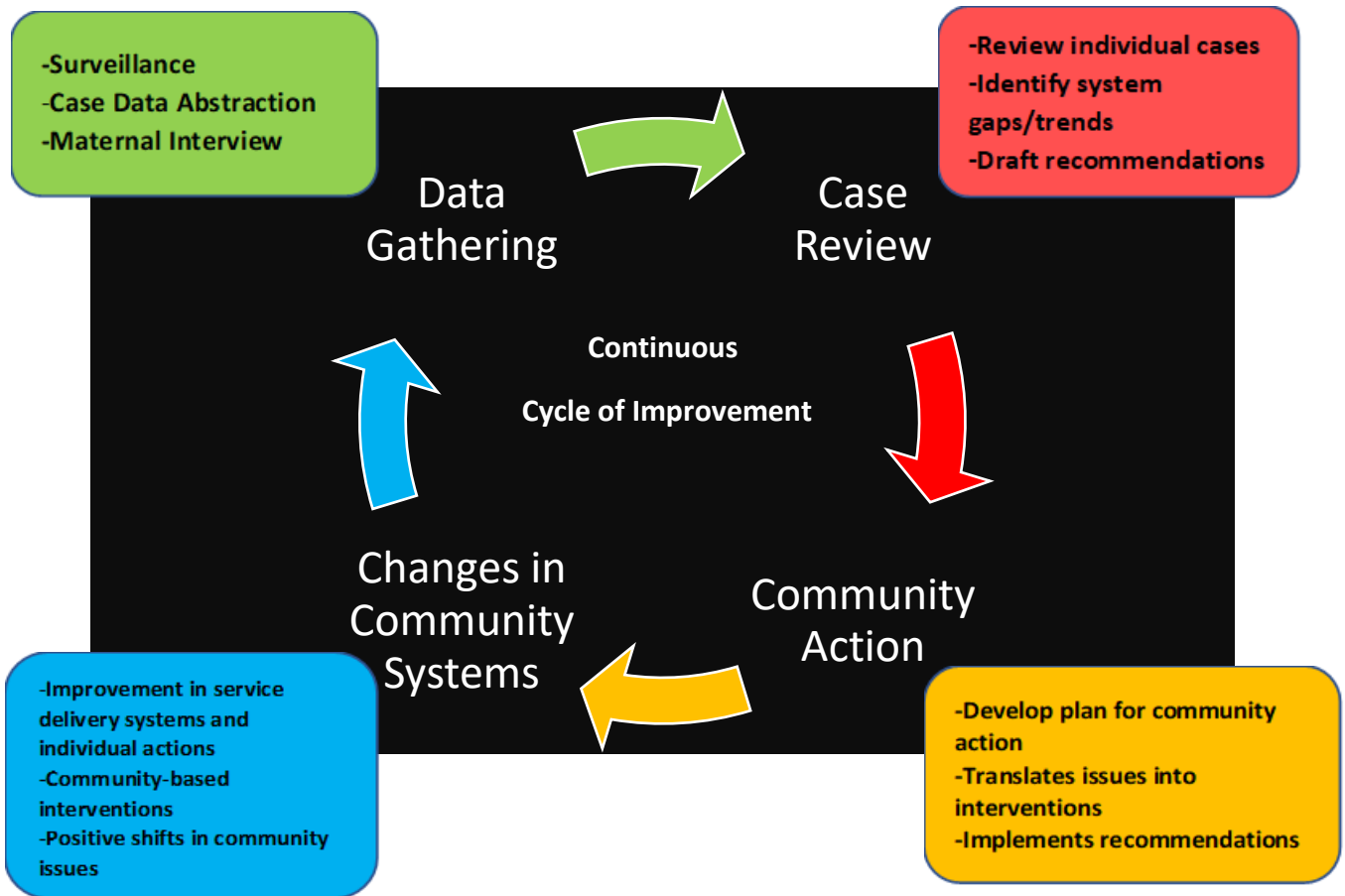


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What is Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR)?



FIMR is an action-oriented multidisciplinary process leading to creative ideas to improve community resources, and service delivery system for women, infant and families.

FIMR is a community-owned action-oriented process that reviews fetal and infant deaths to make recommendations and spark systemic changes to prevent future similar deaths

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Why are we implementing it?



For the past 30 years, Guilford County has experienced consistent and disturbing disparities and inequities in infant mortality across communities or racial/ethnic groups.

FIMR seeks to identify system gaps in care and to design and implement community-action plans based on the information obtained from the data collected and family interviews.

The community needs a better understanding of the factors that contribute to fetal and infant deaths and the operations of family services impacting maternal and child health.

How are we doing it?



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The FIMR process is a multidisciplinary approach to examine confidential, de-identified cases of infant deaths.

The FIMR process is a two-tiered call to action to the distinct but equal analytic function and action function. The process calls for separate community teams to carry out the following functions:



- Death notification and surveillance
- Selection and de-identification of cases
- Record abstraction
- Maternal/family interview
- De-identification case summary report
- Case revision
- Development of initial recommendations
- Implementation and prioritize recommendations
- Creation of solutions to improve services and resources



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Who does it impact?



The process itself is considered continuous quality improvement (CQI) for systems that impact maternal and infant population.

The FIMR process gives voice to the families.

It provides insight into the mother's experience before, during, after pregnancy and during the infant's life/death.

FIMR is being implemented to learn if the families received the services and resources they needed and identify the gaps in current services.