

## 2012 Oklahoma Child Death Review Board Recommendations

### FISCAL

#### Motor Vehicle Related Fatalities

- Mandatory sobriety testing of drivers in motor vehicle collisions resulting in a child fatality and/or a critical or serious injury to a child.
- Children transitioning out of custody have access to driver's education and substance abuse education.

#### Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME)

Continue to support OCME goals to improve and maintain infrastructure.

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#### Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS)

Provide the OKDHS with funding to hire additional child welfare staff to be in compliance with the recommended national standard issued by the Child Welfare League of America and with a salary competitive with positions in other states.

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### POLICY

#### Motor Vehicle Collisions

- Legislation banning the use of hand-held devices.
- Enforcement of child passenger safety laws.
- Mandatory sobriety testing of drivers in motor vehicle collisions resulting in a child fatality and/or a critical or serious injury to a child.
- Children transitioning out of custody have access to driver's education and substance abuse education.

#### Safe Sleep

- All delivery hospitals should adopt a policy regarding in-house safe sleep, including education on safe sleep after delivery but prior to discharge from hospital and that the education include statistics on sleep related deaths.
- Adoption by law enforcement agencies and the OCME of the CDC's Sudden Unexpected Infant Death Investigation (SUIDI) protocols.