



Infant and Child DEATH REVIEW PROGRAM

Keeping Kids Alive in Arkansas

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE, 2014

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Arkansas Agencies Involved With the Arkansas Infant and Child Death Review Program



Arkansas Child Death Review Panel
and
Arkansas Commission of Child Abuse,
Rape and Domestic Violence

Purpose of Act 1818 of 2005

- Identify the causes of death to children under eighteen (18) years of age; and
- Reduce the incidence of injury and death to children by requiring a death review to be performed in all cases of unexpected deaths of children under eighteen (18) years of age

Hierarchy of ICDR Program

AR CDR Panel, Act 1818 (2005)

AR ICDR Program (2011)
Dr. Pamela Tabor, Director
Martin Maize, Coordinator

Local ICDR Teams (2012)

Purpose of the Arkansas Infant & Child Death Review Program

- Improve the response to pediatric fatalities
- Provide accurate information on how/why Arkansas children are dying
- Reduce the number of pediatric deaths
- Provide training and support to local ICDR teams and professionals involved with the health, safety and well-being of children

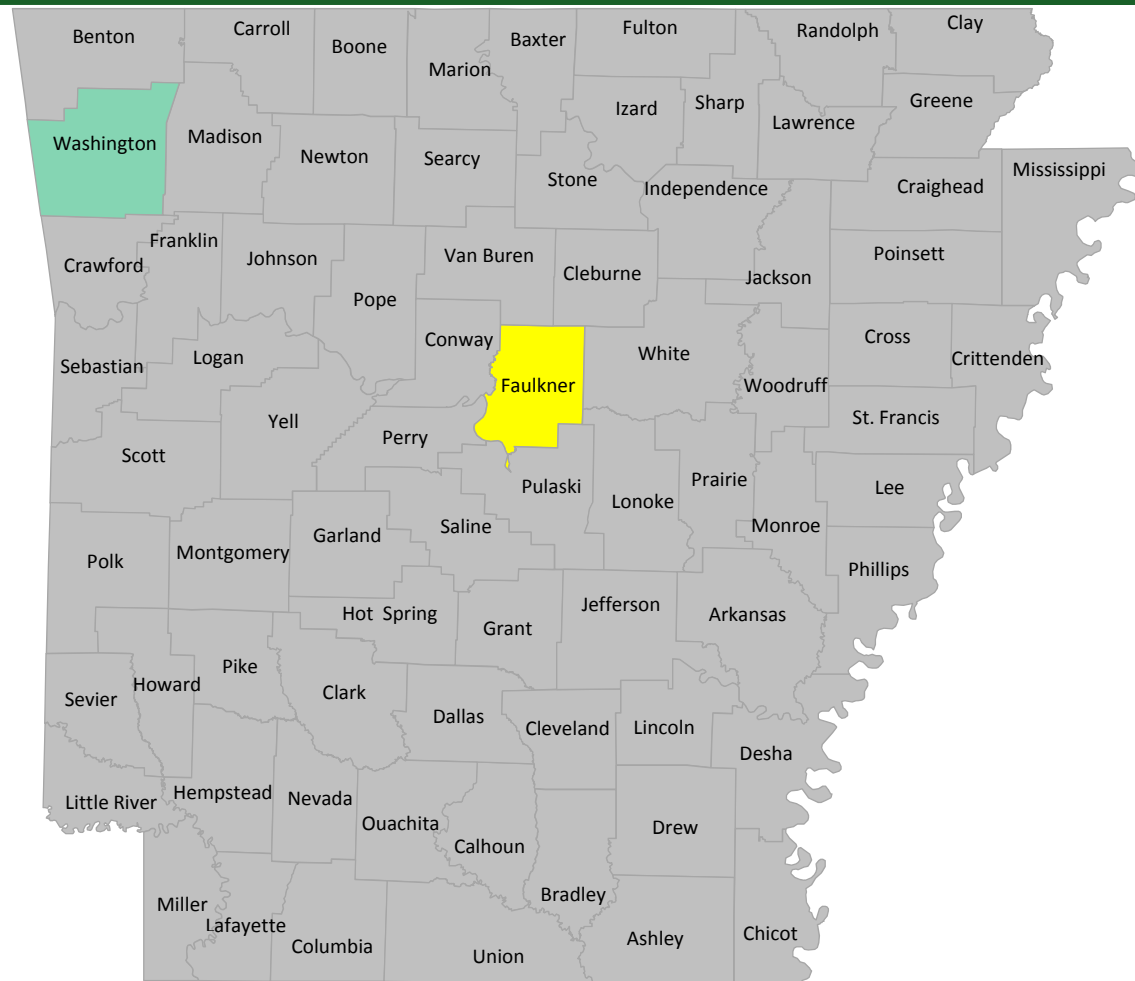
******Goal: Identification of prevention and intervention strategies******

Sudden Unexpected Infant Death Investigation Training

- Training for coroners (and some law enforcement) to learn how and why to utilize the SUIDI form (from CDC) and doll re-enactment
- CEUs:
 - American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators
 - Arkansas Law Enforcement Training

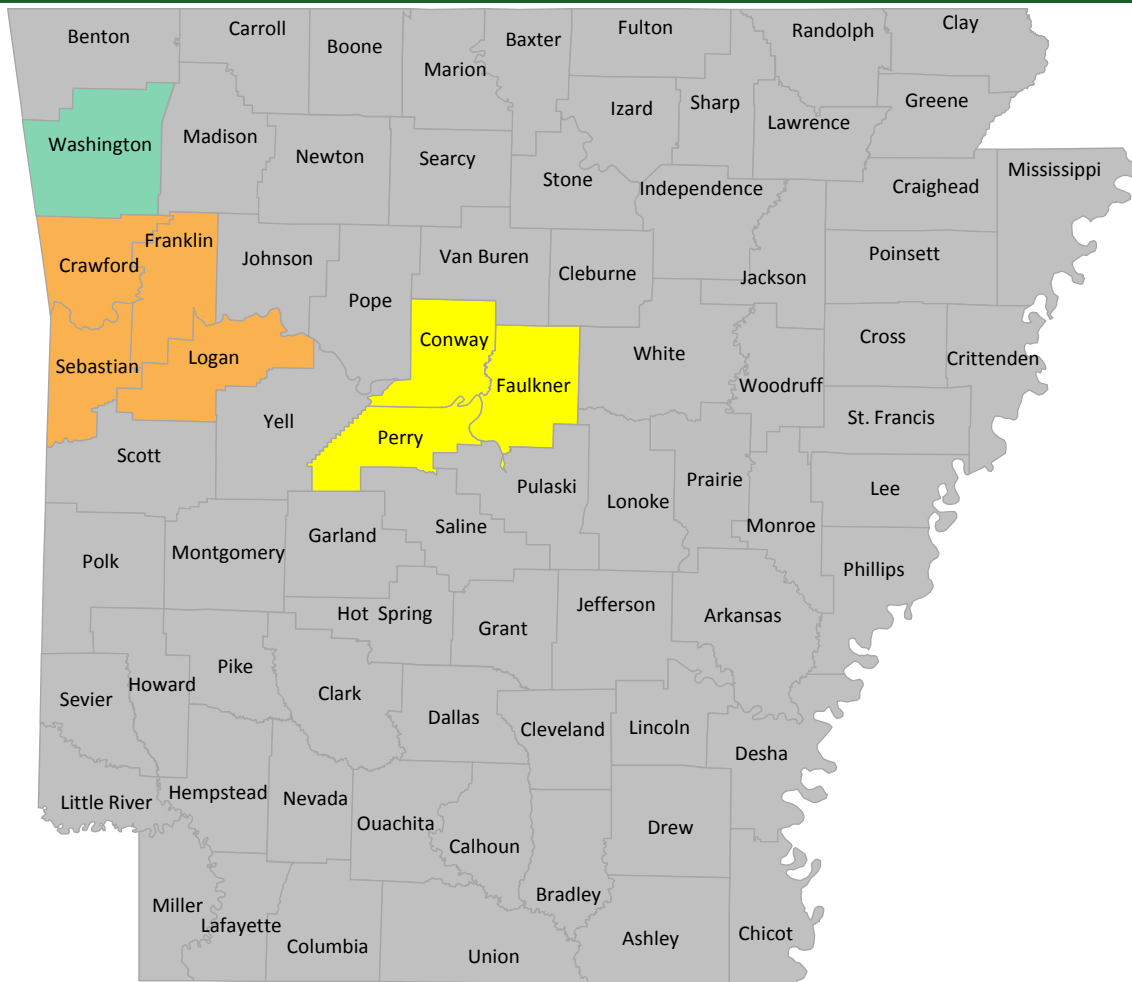


2012: Two Pilot Teams

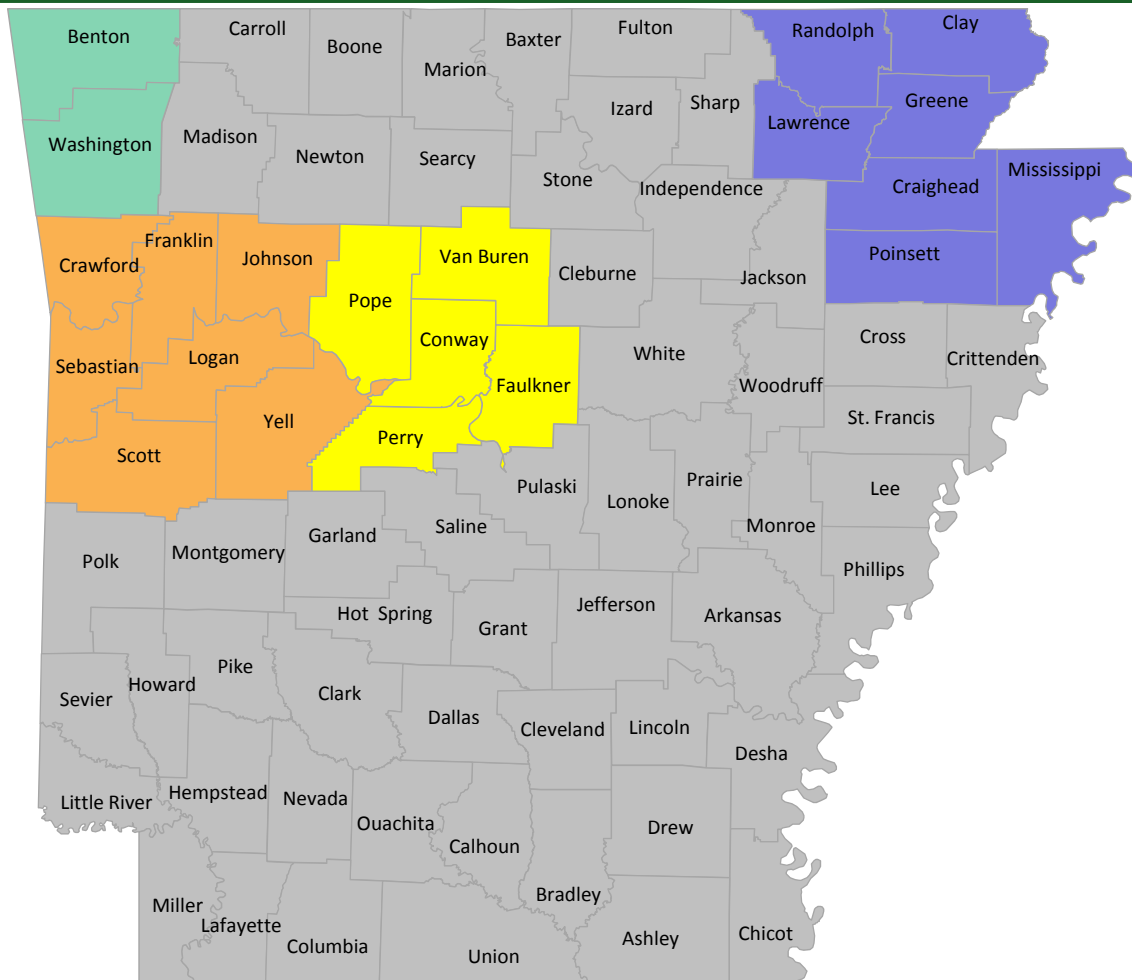


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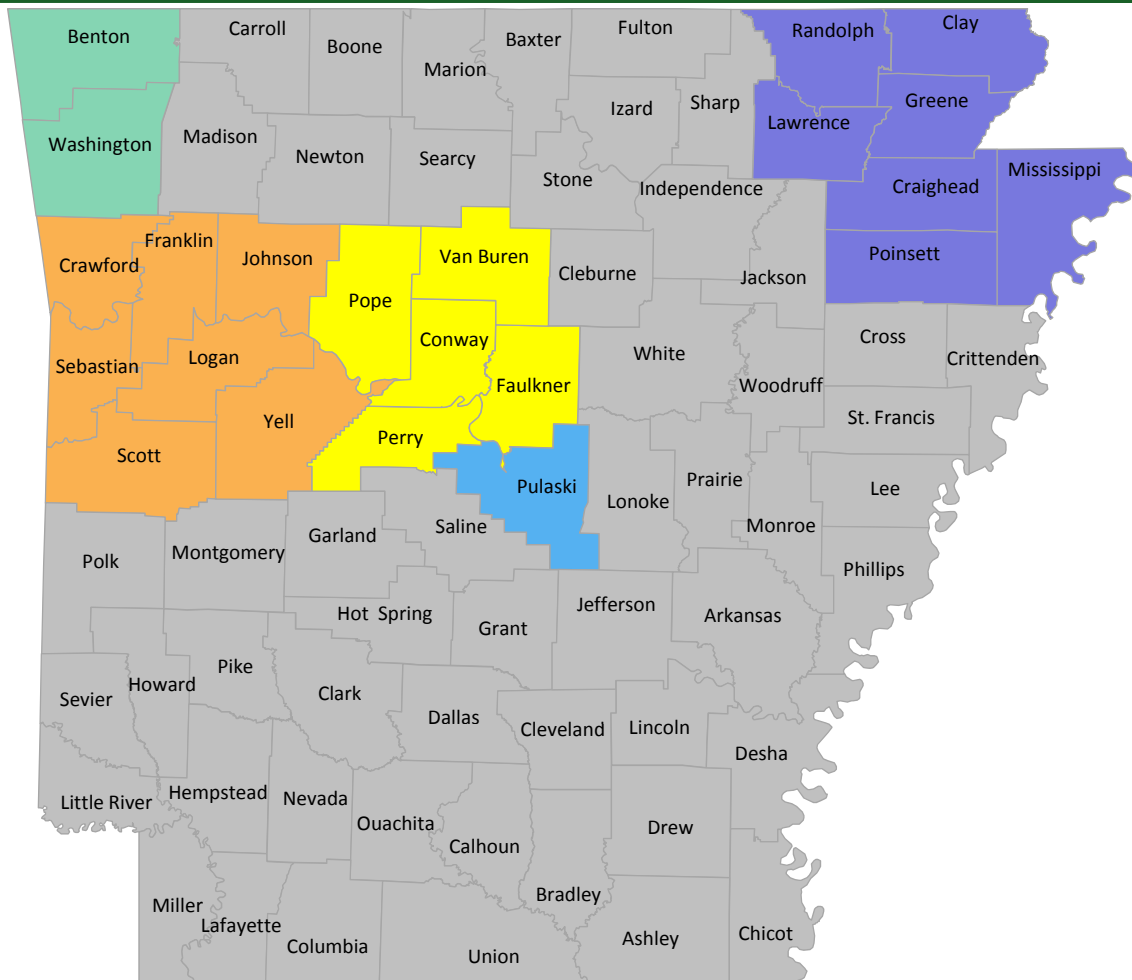
2012: 3 Teams; 8 Counties



2013: 4 Teams; 21 Counties



2014: 5 Teams; 22 Counties



Goal for Fiscal 2015

8 Teams; 40 Counties = 75%



Additional Goal for FY 2015

- Ninth Team
- State level
- Created to review all infant deaths that are outside of the established team's case load
- Goal is to review ALL infant deaths, within the statute) within AR

Arkansas Infant & Child Death Review Program; Child Death Review Panel; and Infant Mortality Action Group

- April 2014
- Media Task Force (organized messaging; review and action on local team recommendations; updates; education; and consistent messaging)
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program safe sleep messaging
- Review of Legislative issues that effect the AR ICDR Program
- Formation of State Infant Mortality Team

Questions?

