

(B) TO ACHIEVE ITS PURPOSE, THE STATE TEAM SHALL:

(1) UNDERTAKE ANNUAL STATISTICAL STUDIES OF THE INCIDENCE AND CAUSES OF CHILD FATALITIES IN THE STATE, INCLUDING AN ANALYSIS OF COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCY INVOLVEMENT WITH THE DECEDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES BEFORE AND AFTER THE DEATHS;

(2) REVIEW REPORTS FROM LOCAL TEAMS;

(3) PROVIDE TRAINING AND WRITTEN MATERIALS TO THE LOCAL TEAMS ESTABLISHED UNDER § 5-705 OF THIS SUBTITLE TO ASSIST THEM IN CARRYING OUT THEIR DUTIES, INCLUDING MODEL PROTOCOLS FOR THE OPERATION OF LOCAL TEAMS;

(4) IN COOPERATION WITH LOCAL TEAMS, DEVELOP A PROTOCOL FOR CHILD FATALITY INVESTIGATIONS, INCLUDING PROCEDURES FOR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, LOCAL MEDICAL EXAMINERS, AND LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES, USING BEST PRACTICES FROM OTHER STATES AND JURISDICTIONS;

(5) DEVELOP A PROTOCOL FOR THE COLLECTION OF DATA REGARDING CHILD DEATHS AND PROVIDE TRAINING TO LOCAL TEAMS AND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS ON THE USE OF THE PROTOCOL;

(6) UNDERTAKE A STUDY OF THE OPERATIONS OF LOCAL TEAMS, INCLUDING THE STATE AND LOCAL LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES OF THE AGENCIES REPRESENTED ON THE LOCAL TEAMS, RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE CHANGES TO ANY REGULATION OR POLICY NEEDED TO PREVENT CHILD DEATHS, AND INCLUDE PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES TO STATE OR LOCAL LAWS IN THE ANNUAL REPORT REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (12) OF THIS SUBSECTION;

(7) CONSIDER LOCAL AND STATEWIDE TRAINING NEEDS, INCLUDING CROSS-AGENCY TRAINING AND SERVICE GAPS, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO MEMBER AGENCIES TO DEVELOP AND DELIVER THESE TRAINING NEEDS;

(8) EXAMINE CONFIDENTIALITY AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES FOR AGENCIES WITH RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CHILDREN, INCLUDING HEALTH, PUBLIC WELFARE, EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE CHANGES TO ANY REGULATIONS AND POLICIES THAT IMPEDE THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION NECESSARY TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM PREVENTABLE DEATHS, AND INCLUDE PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES TO STATUTES IN THE ANNUAL REPORT REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (12) OF THIS SUBSECTION;

(9) EXAMINE THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES AND SPECIFIC CASES THAT THE STATE TEAM CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES UNDER THIS SECTION, IN ORDER TO EVALUATE THE EXTENT TO WHICH STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES ARE EFFECTIVELY DISCHARGING THEIR CHILD PROTECTION RESPONSIBILITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH:

(I) THE STATE PLAN UNDER 42 U.S.C. § 5106A(B);