

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03301
Executive Order Number 91-4

an order establishing a multi-disciplinary
child fatality review committee

WHEREAS, my Administration has expressed special interest in improving services to children who are victims of abuse and neglect and in coordinating resources for programs to further prevent child abuse and child fatalities; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect while declaring child abuse a national emergency, has recommended that efforts be made to address the issue of child fatalities; and

WHEREAS, a recently completed study of child protection in New Hampshire recommends a standing, state level, child fatality review committee be established to review all non-accidental child deaths; and

WHEREAS, the formation of a standing committee composed of representatives of state agencies and relevant professional fields of practice will establish a body of knowledge regarding child deaths; and

WHEREAS, that the comprehensive review of child fatality cases by a Multi-disciplinary Child Fatality Review Committee will result in the identification of preventable deaths and recommendations for intervention strategies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUDD GREGG, Governor of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby establish a multi-disciplinary child fatality review committee. The objectives of this committee will be:

- to establish a record of child deaths due to non-accidental injury; and
- to propose recommendations for public policy to alleviate the causes of child deaths due to non-accidental injury

The Child Fatality Review Committee represents a significant move forward in our effort to provide comprehensive services for children throughout the State of New Hampshire.

This Order shall take effect on the date hereof.

Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Chambers in Concord, this 27th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-one.



GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE