

# FRANKLIN COUNTY FETAL-INFANT MORTALITY REVIEW (FIMR) FAMILY INTERVIEW CONSENT FORM

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**Purpose of the Program:** Columbus Public Health administers the Fetal-Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) Program for Franklin County. The purpose of this program is to learn more about fetal & infant deaths and to find ways to help families like yours in the future. To do this, we want to visit parents who have experienced a pregnancy or infant loss and hear about your experience. If you agree to participate, a trained interviewer from Columbus Public Health will meet you at a time and place that's convenient. Many interviews happen in the client's home and take about an hour.

**Your Story:** Talking about the death of one's child is different for every person. Some parents find talking about their baby hard, others find that it brings them comfort. In either case, the information you share may help other families from losing a baby in the future. The interviewer is not a professional counselor but, if needed, will connect you with grief supports to help you cope with your feelings.

**Choice:** Talking with the FIMR interviewer is completely voluntary and you may skip any question at any time. You are also free to stop the interview at any time. The interviewer may ask to record the meeting so that they can give you their full attention while you share your story; if you agree to this, please note that the audio tape will be destroyed once it has been transcribed. You will not be paid for participating in the interview.

**Confidentiality:** All information that identifies you, your family or your health care providers will be kept private. All FIMR staff and team members have signed a confidentiality agreement outlining how they will maintain your privacy. Information shared about possible child abuse/neglect or harm to self or others will be reported as required by law. Therefore, confidentiality will be protected to the full extent permitted by law.

**Questions:** If you have any questions concerning the interview or the FIMR Program, please contact Lauren Rose-Cohen, RN at Columbus Public Health at 614-645-6537 or at [larose-cohen@columbus.gov](mailto:larose-cohen@columbus.gov).

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\_\_\_\_\_ **By initialing here, I affirm that I have been given the Columbus Public Health Notice of Privacy Practices.**

**Consent:** I have read this form and understand the purpose of this visit with the Fetal-Infant Mortality Review Program staff. I hereby give my consent to an interview. I understand that all information obtained from the interview will be kept strictly confidential, and that neither my name nor the name of anyone else in my family will appear in any publications or reports.

Client Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Client Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewer Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***If client is under 18,***

Client's Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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