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**Longtime Executive Director of the Delaware Child Death Review Commission
Recognized by National Organization**

Anne Pedrick, the Executive Director of the Child Death Review Commission, has been honored by the National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention.

The Commission is a non-judicial agency that is under the Delaware Administrative Office of the Courts. It was established in 1995 to review the deaths of children under the age of 18 and stillbirths in the state and to provide recommendations to reduce the infant and child mortality rate in Delaware.

Pedrick, who has led the commission since 2006, was named the recipient of the Theresa M. Covington Award for Excellence in Fatality Review by the National Center at the group's national virtual meeting on June 16, 2021.

In presenting Pedrick with the award, the National Center cited her active membership in the Mid-Atlantic Regional Child Death Review (CRR) Coalition and her reputation as someone who offers her knowledge and assistance to colleagues in neighboring states and across the country.

The group also highlighted some of Pedrick's achievements in Delaware which include working with partners to secure grants to educate parents and reduce risk of head trauma; initiating a safe sleep poster contest for middle school students to increase awareness of sudden unexpected infant death; and compiling a retrospective 10-year report on child firearm deaths using CDR and hospital data. During her tenure, Pedrick has also built broad partnerships with many groups, including Cribs for Kids, Direct On-Scene Education, and Cops N' Cribs, to raise awareness and make children and families in Delaware safer.

"Thank you, Anne, for your contributions to the field of fatality review and for your commitment to the children and families of Delaware!" wrote the National Center in presenting the award.

This month, Delaware Supreme Court Chief Justice Collins J. Seitz, Jr. added his voice to those praising Pedrick and congratulating her on her national recognition. "Your dedication and hard work have helped make Delaware children and families safer and healthier. On behalf of the Judicial Branch, thank you for your contributions to the national dialogue on the prevention of child deaths and your commitment to the most vulnerable citizens of our State," he said.