



FACT SHEET

Kentucky Child Fatality And Near Fatality Review Panel 2025 Update

Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee
Research Report No. 496

Major Conclusions

- The panel addressed two of the three recommendations adopted by the Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee in 2024.
- The panel did not act on the recommendation to develop written procedures. Panel staff expect that the new case management system will impact how procedures will be written.
- A lack of written procedures can be a risk to internal controls and may prevent the panel from operating as intended or prevent panel members from providing feedback on operations.
- The panel made recommendations to six other agencies in its 2024 annual report. Four of the six have responded by the statutory deadline, addressing 9 of the total 11 recommendations in the report.
- The executive branch budget allocated \$200,000 to the panel in FY 2025 for the purchase of a new case management system. The panel is working with the Commonwealth Office of Technology to design and build a new system.
- The panel has met its statutory requirement to submit annual reports consisting of case reviews and findings and recommendations for system and process improvements.
- The panel's findings in its 2024 annual report were supported by analysis and data that were illustrated in the report. Recommendations were appropriately linked to the report's findings, and the recommendations were targeted and actionable.

Key Numbers



Panel membership:
5 ex officio and
17 voting members



Close to \$1.4 million
biennial budget



Reviewed 219
cases in 2024

Recommendations

- Panel staff should consult with the budget staff of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet regarding how to use funds appropriated for the new case management system beyond FY 2025.
- Panel staff should develop written procedures for review and approval by the panel chair and members.



Cases up 298%
since 2013