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2009 “Friend of Public Health Award” Recipient

**Public Health Accomplishments
and
Collaborations**

Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) Medical Record Case Abstraction.

- Medical record case abstraction of approximately 12 – 18 infant deaths per year in Berrien County since 2003
- Travels to all sites that have client records/information such as Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo, Lakeland Hospital in Niles, etc. Could involve multiple sites per case.
- Very detailed work
- Requires very good knowledge base and experience to be able to develop comprehensive case abstract/review.
- Enthusiastic/sincere willingness to complete the job.
- Researched the FIMR process. Spent time in Summer, 2002 visiting and observing the FIMR Committee in Grand Rapids.
- Commitment to reducing the infant mortality rate in Berrien County.
- Conducts the FIMR Committee meetings (beginning in January, 2003)

Active member of the *Raising-Up Healthy Babies* (Infant Mortality Reduction) Task Force of Berrien County since 2002

- Education Committee member – Collaborating author of the *House to House* Infant Health Curriculum. Trainer of the Health Promoters. (Over 1,000 participants have participated in the educational session in two-years.)
- Design and present the *Safe-(infant)Sleep* Educational program for dozens of health care agencies and infant/child care centers since 2005.
- Attend several health and wellness community events to promote and display safe-sleep techniques.
- Presenter at state and regional maternal and infant health conferences re: safe sleep and the *Raising-Up* taskforce activities.

Active member of the *Southwest Michigan Asthma Coalition*

Sandy was a driving force in organizing the coalition in 2003. Her most cherished role has been that of a trusted liaison to the school community, bringing asthma education to all levels of staff in Berrien and Van Buren counties. To the benefit of all she has tirelessly promoted the use of the Asthma Action Plan, a step by step guide for daily symptom management and the unexpected emergency action. Without a doubt she has been the advocate for children with asthma in our area.