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To people interested in the Texas State Child Fatality Review Team (SCFRT) Committee:

Per [Texas Family Code, Section 264.503](#), the purpose of the SCFRT is to:

- (1) Develop an understanding of the causes and incidence of child deaths.
- (2) Identify procedures within the agencies represented on the SCFRT to reduce the number of preventable child deaths; and
- (3) Promote public awareness and make recommendations to the governor and the legislature for changes in law, policy, and practice to reduce the number of preventable child deaths.

The SCFRT produces a formal report every two years with recommendations to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the House of Representatives, and Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) shares the report every two years with the public and includes information on child fatality incidences and underlying causes.

DSHS is currently accepting applications for membership on the SCFRT for the following positions:

- **A Chief Juvenile Probation Officer**
- **A Pediatrician experienced in diagnosing and treating child abuse and neglect**

The SCFRT permanent six members will appoint new members to the SCFRT to serve a three-year term ending February 1, 2029.

To view the full composition of the SCFRT, please see the SCFRT website: dshs.texas.gov/injury-prevention/texas-child-fatality-review/state-child-fatality-review-team-committee.

An applicant to the SCFRT must be a member of the child fatality review team in the county where the applicant resides.

A SCFRT member is expected to attend all SCFRT meetings and may also participate in projects, presentations, and subcommittee meetings. SCFRT meetings are held quarterly or at the call of the SCFRT chair. Members must attend meetings in person or virtually, as established by DSHS. Reimbursement for travel expenses to and from meetings is permitted when funds are available.

To apply for membership on the SCFRT, please complete and return the SCFRT application with supporting documentation no later than **11:59 p.m., Central Time, on August 7, 2026**. An application may be emailed to cftr@dshs.texas.gov, attention Sarah Blezinger, Injury Prevention Coordinator.

DSHS will notify applicants by September 16, 2026, if an applicant is selected to serve on the SCFRT.

This agency does not discriminate against applicants and members of Health and Human Services advisory committees on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, religion, age or sex.

For more information about the SCFRT, visit the DSHS SCFRT website at [State Child Fatality Review Team Committee](#) or submit questions to cftr@dshs.texas.gov.