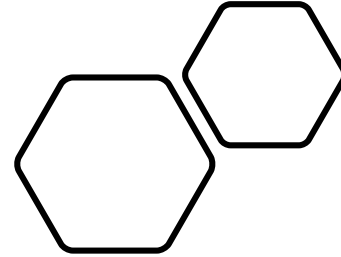


Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel



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- Panel Chair - Hon. Melissa Moore Murphy, Judge Fayette Circuit Court
- Commissioner, DCBS - Marta Miranda-Straub
- Commissioner, DPH - Dr. Henrietta Bada
- Family Court Judge - Hon. Libby Messer
- UK School of Medicine - Dr. Christina Howard
- UofL School of Medicine - Dr. Melissa Currie
- State Medical Examiner - Dr. William Ralston
- Court Appointed Special Advocate - Lori Aldridge
- Kentucky State Police - Det. Jason Merlo
- Prevent Child Abuse Ky - Dr. Jaime Pittenger
- Ky Coalition Against Domestic Violence - Isela Arras

Panel Members

- Association of Ky MHMR Centers - Steve Shannon
- Citizen Foster Care Review Board - Dr. Elizabeth Salt
- State Child Fatality Review Team - Janice Bright, RN
- President KY Coroner's Association - Mark Hammond, Boyd Co.
- Kentucky House of Representatives - Vacant
- Kentucky Senate - Vacant
- Practicing Prosecutor - Vacant
- Practicing Social Work Clinician - Vacant
- Practicing Addiction Counselor - Vacant
- Family Resource and Youth Service Center - Vacant
- Practicing Medication-Assisted Treatment - Vacant

Panel Process

Cases from DCBS and DPH

Data Collection

In-Depth Discussion

Category

Family Characteristics

Panel Determinations

Annual Report



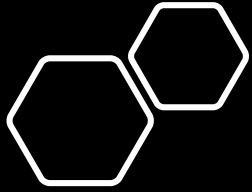
Case Reviews



Findings



Recommendations

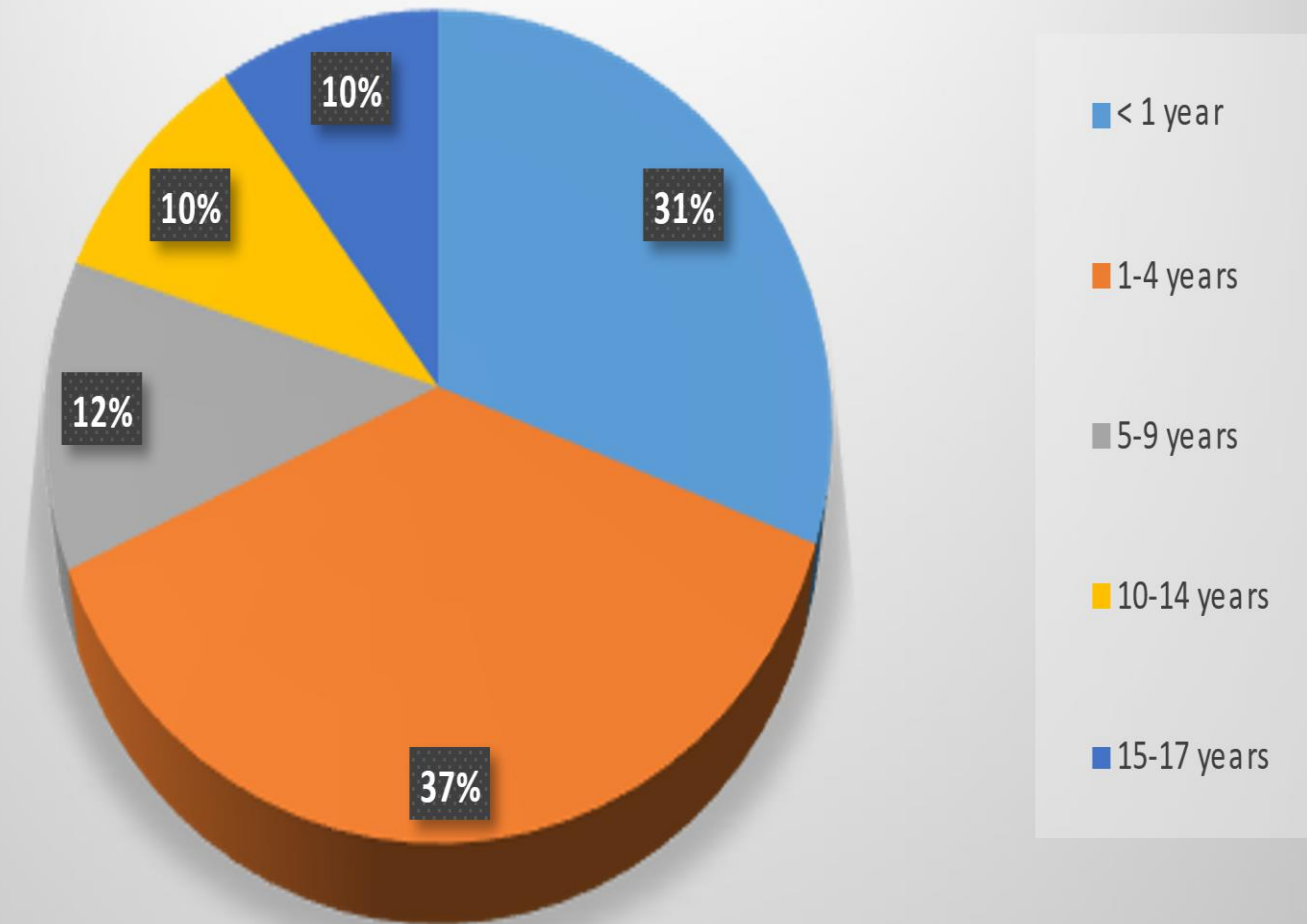


Findings

- Children four years or younger are at the highest risk for maltreatment

AGE OF CHILD VICTIM IN ALL CASES REVIEWED: SFY 2020

n= 200



Findings

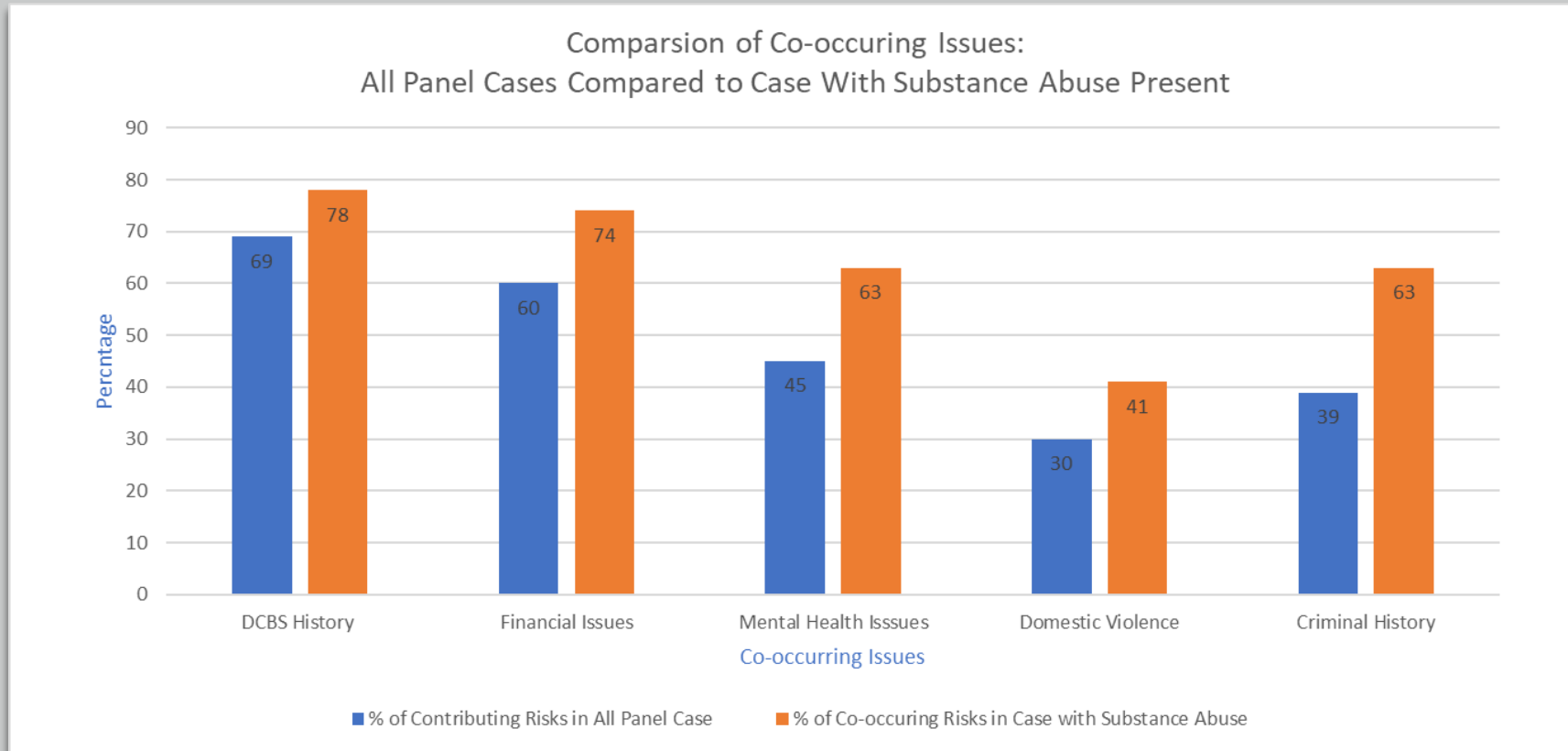
- The most commonly found family characteristics in FY20 included:
 1. DCBS History (69%)
 2. Financial issues (60%)
 3. Substance abuse in the home (49%)
 4. DCBS issues (48%)
 5. Supervision neglect (48%)
- 62% of Abusive Head Trauma cases involved substance abuse by a caregiver
- 53% of all Blunt Force Trauma (MVC) cases involved an impaired caregiver
- 62% of all Physical abuse cases involved caregivers with a criminal history

2021 Recommendations

Addressing the complexities of substance misuse within families

- Co-occurring Risk Factors
- Enhancing Court Capacity
- Plans of Safe Care for Substance Exposed Infants
- Medication-Assisted Treatment Programs





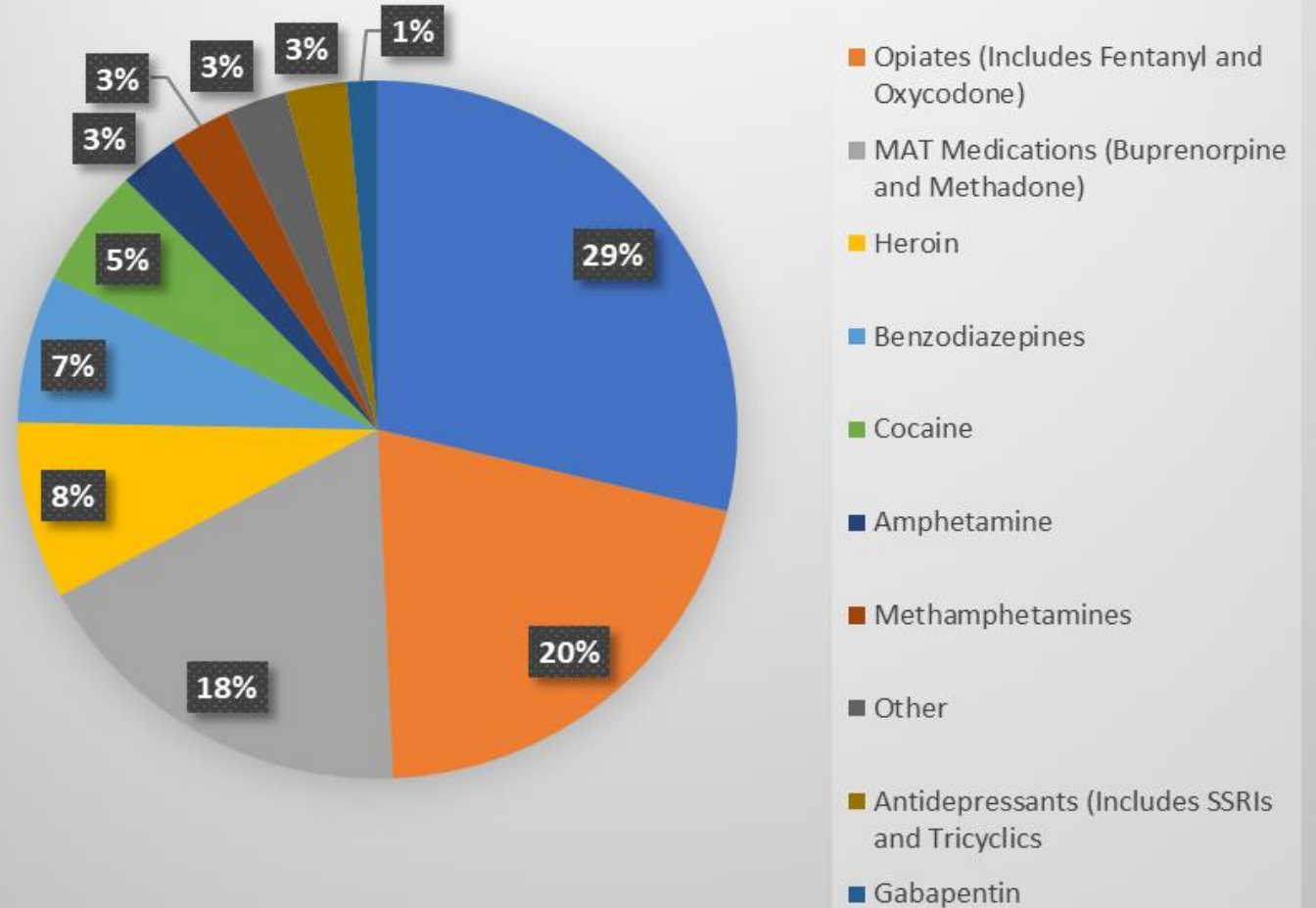
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Expand programs to families that have child welfare involvement and substance misuse issues

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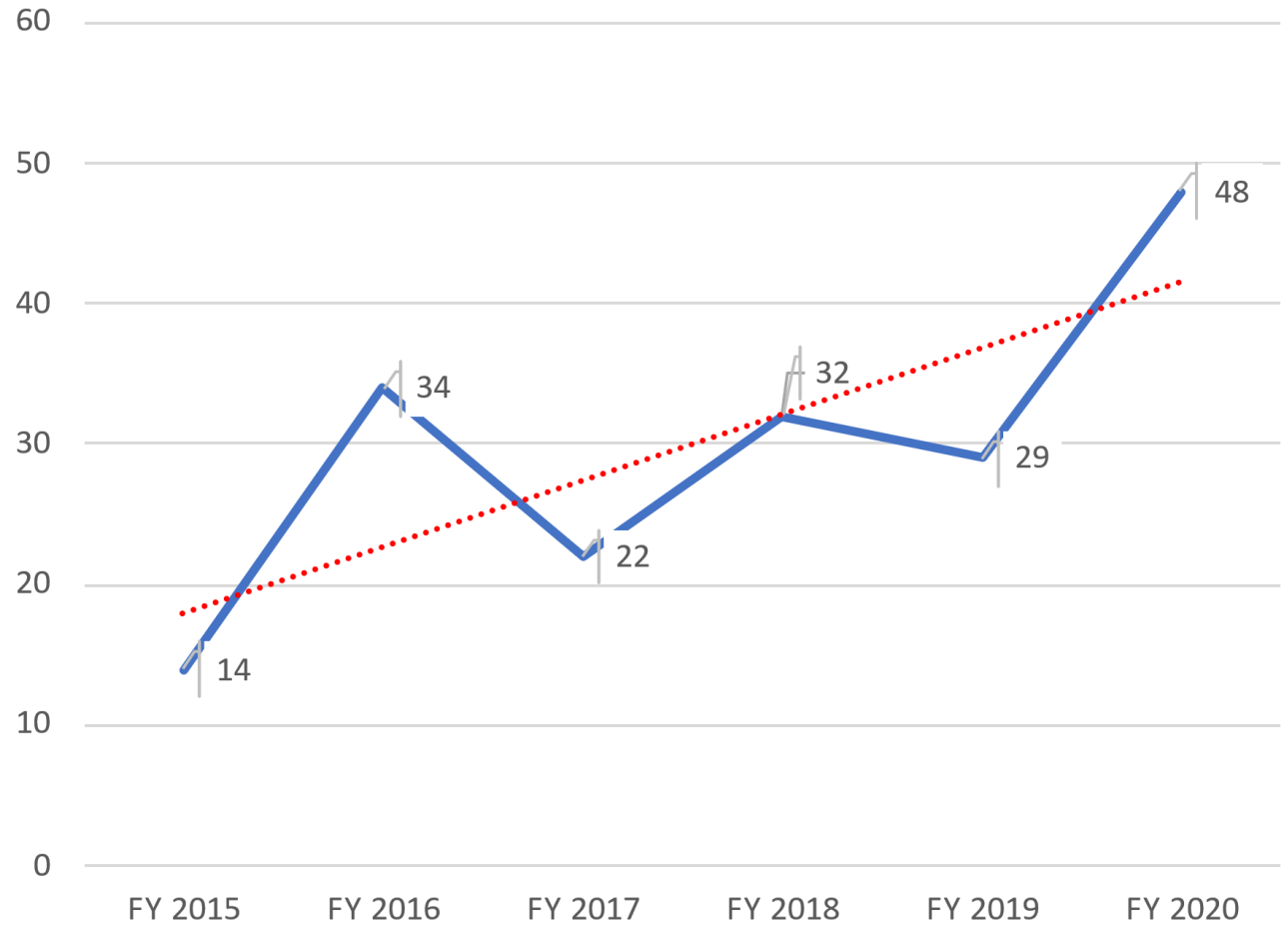
Plans of Safe Care

In Utero Drug Exposure Type FY 2020



2021
Recommendations

Overdose/Ingestion Categorization
FY 2015 - 2020



Case Study

- One-month old infant died as a result of overlay by the mother
- Mother overdosed on heroin
- Father admitted to heroin use that night
- Infant's postmortem blood tox positive for Fentanyl
- Infant exposed to amphetamine, buprenorphine (Subutex) and nicotine in-utero
- Parents met in rehab, both had a significant history of substance abuse, lack of stable employment, and chronic homelessness.

2021 Recommendations

DBHDID should begin expanding the statewide utilization of Psychological Autopsy in youth suicides.





ALONE

Alone in their crib

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Share the room, not the bed. The safest place for your baby to sleep is in your room, but NOT in your bed.



BACK

On Your Back for Nights and Naps

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A baby should always sleep on their back at night and during nap time. Back sleeping on a firm mattress in a crib or play yard decreases the risk for SIDS.



CRIB

Clean, Clear Crib

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A baby's crib should contain a fitted sheet only; no blankets, toys, pillows, bumpers, or other items that could cover a baby's face and suffocate them. Cribs, bassinets and play yards with firm mattresses are the only safe places for babies to sleep.



DANGER

Be Aware, Not Impaired

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Drinking and drug use impair your ability to care for a baby, making bed-sharing and other unsafe sleep even more dangerous for the baby.

2021
Recommendation

2021 Recommendations



- DCBS
- Medical providers
- Coroners
- Law Enforcement
- Commonwealth/County Attorneys



Questions

Thank you!