



CHILD FATALITY AND NEAR FATALITY EXTERNAL REVIEW PANEL

PANEL MEMBERS

- Panel Chair – Hon. Melissa Moore Murphy, Judge Fayette District Court
- Chairperson of the House Health and Welfare Committee – Rep. Kimberly Moser
- Chairperson of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee – Sen. Ralph Alvarado
- 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 Advocates – Lori Aldridge
- Kentucky State Police – Det. Jason Merlo

PANEL MEMBERS

- Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky – Dr. Jaime Pittenger
- Practicing Local Prosecutor – Hon. Dawn Blair
- KY Coalition Against Domestic Violence – Isela Arras
- State Child Fatality Review Team – Janice Bright, RN
- Family Resource and Youth Services Center – Betty Pennington
- Association of KY MHMR Centers – Steve Shannon
- Citizen Foster Care Review Board – Dr. Elizabeth Salt
- Board of Social Work – vacant
- Association of Addiction Professionals – vacant

PANEL PROCESS

- Cases referred from DCBS and DPH
- SharePoint - Data Collection
- Analyst Summary
- Comprehensive in-depth discussion
- Category
- Family Characteristics
- Panel Determination



CASE REVIEW PHILOSOPHY



EXAMINE CASES FROM
A MULTIDISCIPLINARY
LENS.



APPLY A NON-BLAMING
APPROACH.



ANNUAL REPORT



BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS
TO ENHANCE
PREVENTION STRATEGIES

2020 RECOMMENDATIONS

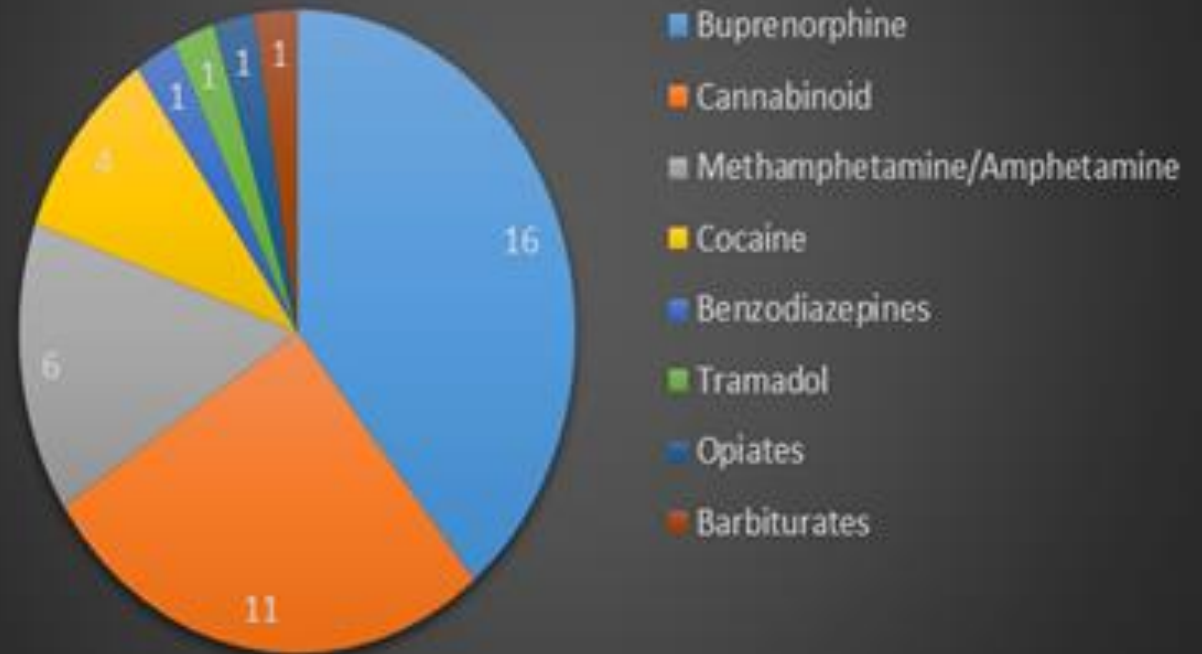


The Panel recommends full implementation of Family Drug Court and/or model court practices.

2020 RECOMMENDATIONS

Plans of Safe Care
(POSC) for NAS/NOWS
and Substance Exposed
Infants

In Utero Drug Exposure Type
FY 2019



2020 RECOMMENDATIONS



Best Practices for Medication Assisted Treatment Providers

- ❖ Collaborative Services
- ❖ Prevention Messaging
- ❖ Sharing Information with DCBS

2020 RECOMMENDATIONS

Drug testing protocol at the
time of a fatal or near fatal
event



CASE EXAMPLE

Narrative

This case involves traumatic asphyxia (*play pen wedging*) resulting in the death of a five-month-old infant.

Risk Factors

- Criminal History
- DCBS History
- Environmental Neglect
- Family violence
- Financial issues
- Housing Instability
- Lack of childcare
- MAT
- Medical Management Issues
- Medically Fragile Child
- Mental Health Issues – Caregiver
- Overwhelmed Caregiver
- Substance abuse (in home)
- Supervisional neglect
- Unsafe Sleep

2020 RECOMMENDATIONS





CASE EXAMPLE

Narrative

This case involves the suicide of a ten-year-old child.

Risk Factors

- Coroner Issues
- Environmental Issues
- Financial Issues
- Law Enforcement Issues

Missed Opportunities

This case is noteworthy for what is absent – while the coroner and law enforcement may have made the accurate determination for cause of death, the investigation lacked any significant information regarding psychosocial background for the family.

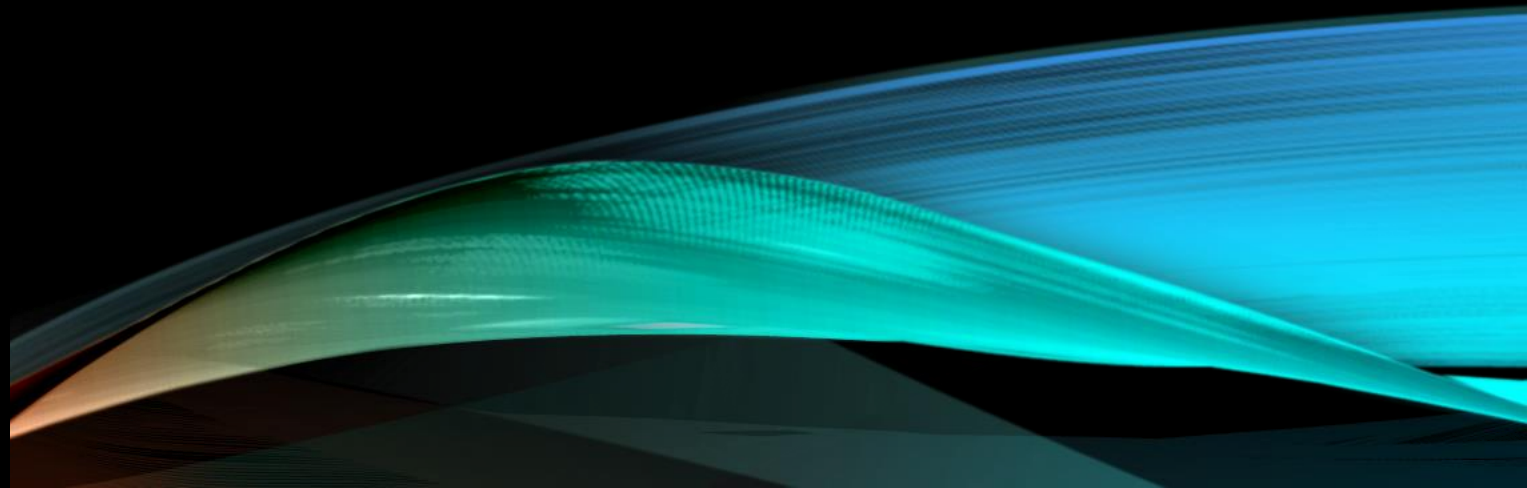
PARTNERSHIPS

The Panel recently partnered with the Kentucky Safety Prevention Alignment Network (KSPAN) and developed the Child Home Safety Committee.





DATA TOOL UPDATE



Thank You

Questions?

