

Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel

Hon. Benjamin Harrison, Chair

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- Practicing Social Work Clinician – Allison Motley-Crouch
- Family Resource and Youth Service Center – Heather McCarty
- Practicing Medication-Assisted Treatment – Dr. Danielle Anderson

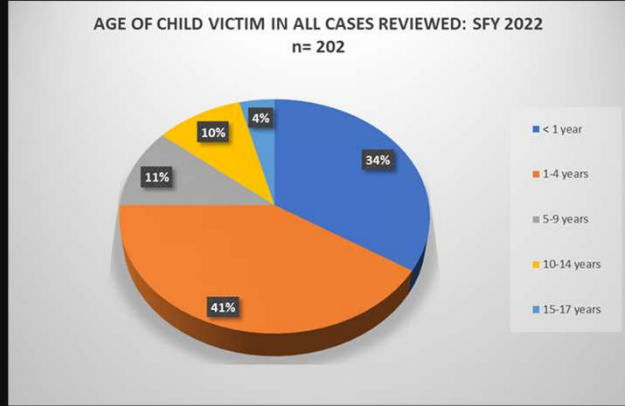


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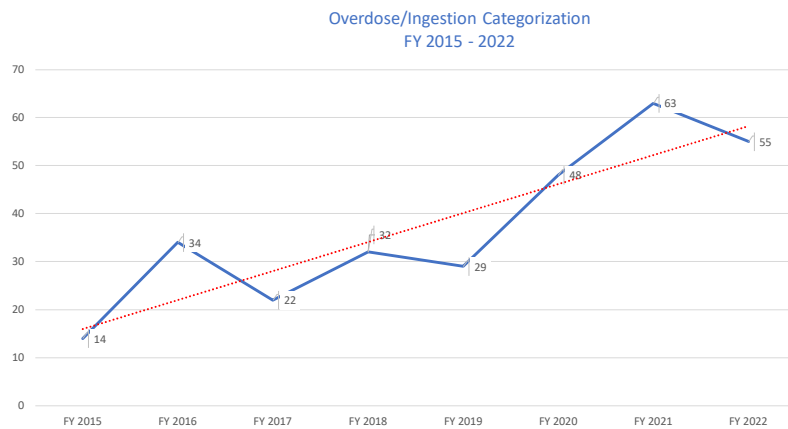
- Case Reviews
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Findings

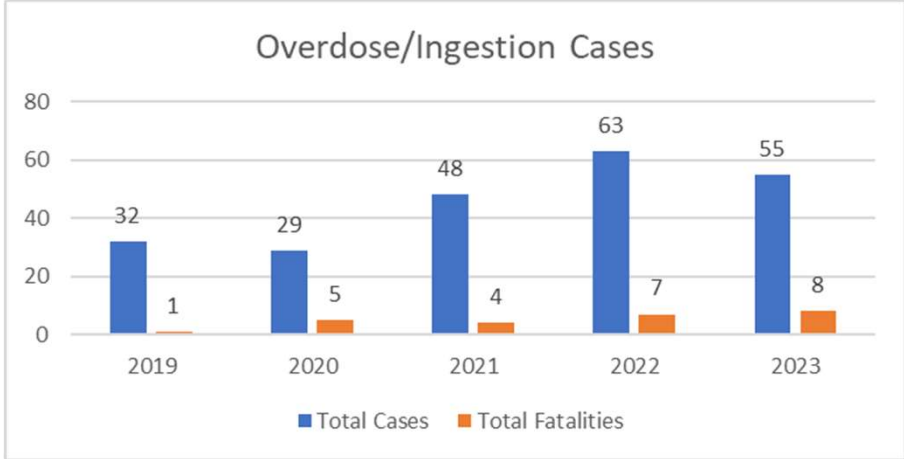
Children four years or younger are at the highest risk for maltreatment.



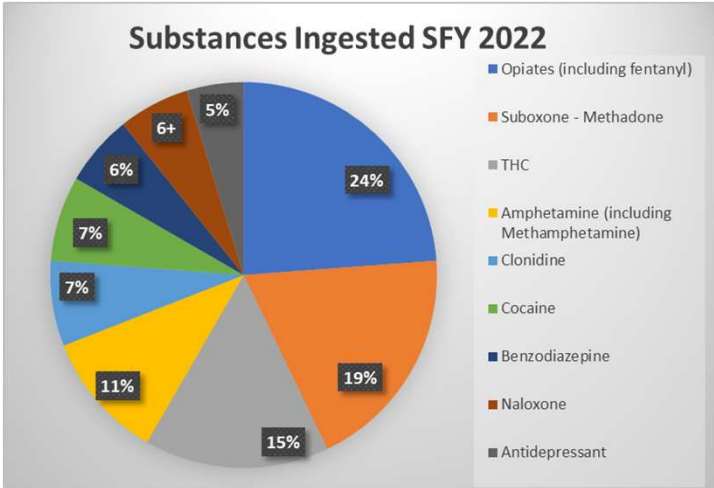
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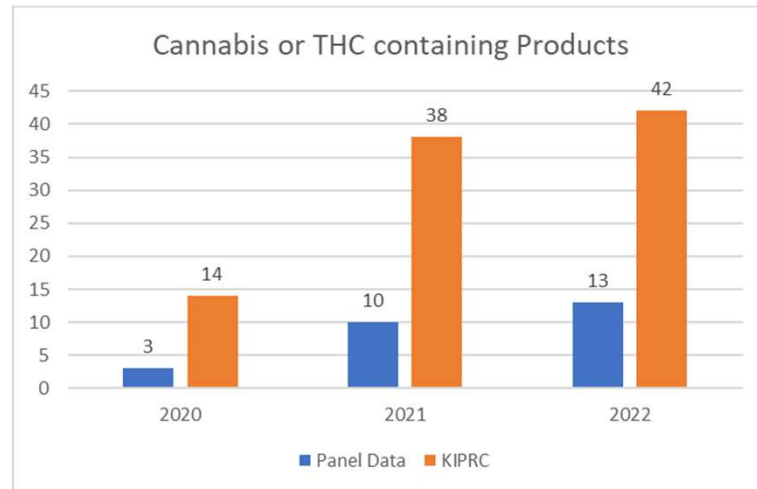
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Types of Substances Ingested



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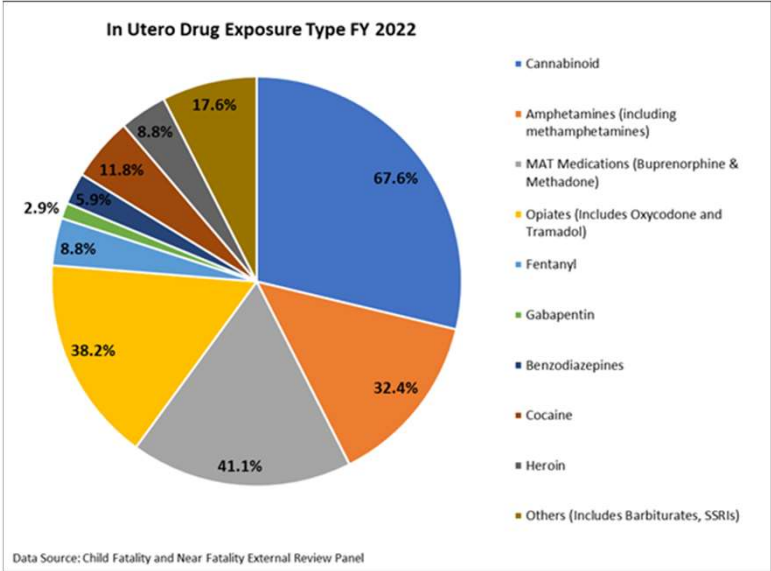
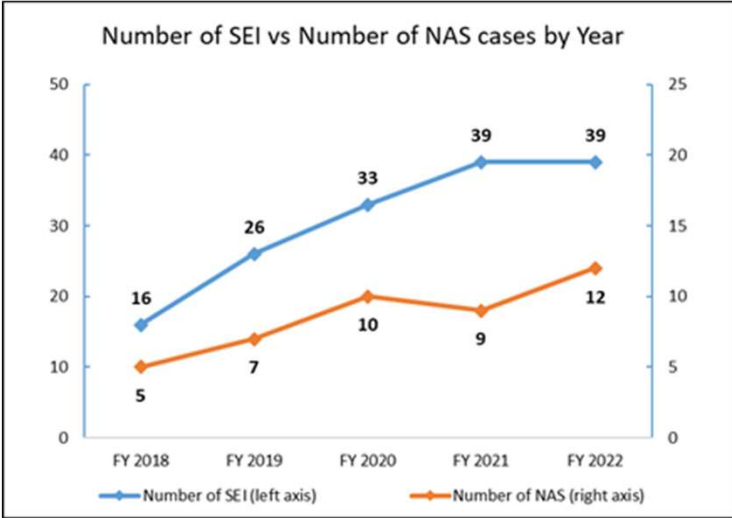


Overdose/Ingestion Recommendations

- Required training for all professionals providing medication-assisted treatment.
- KBML provide and ensure proper training to medical marijuana prescribers.
- Additional safe storage screening requirements required in electronic health record intake for all pediatric encounters.
- Public service campaign targeting retailers that distribute THC containing products about safe storage and safe sleep practices.
- Amend hemp-derived regulations to ensure FDA warnings regarding child ingestions are clearly visible to consumers.

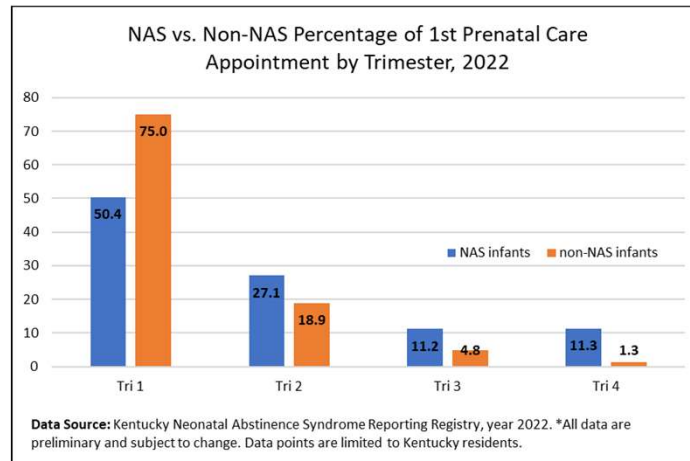


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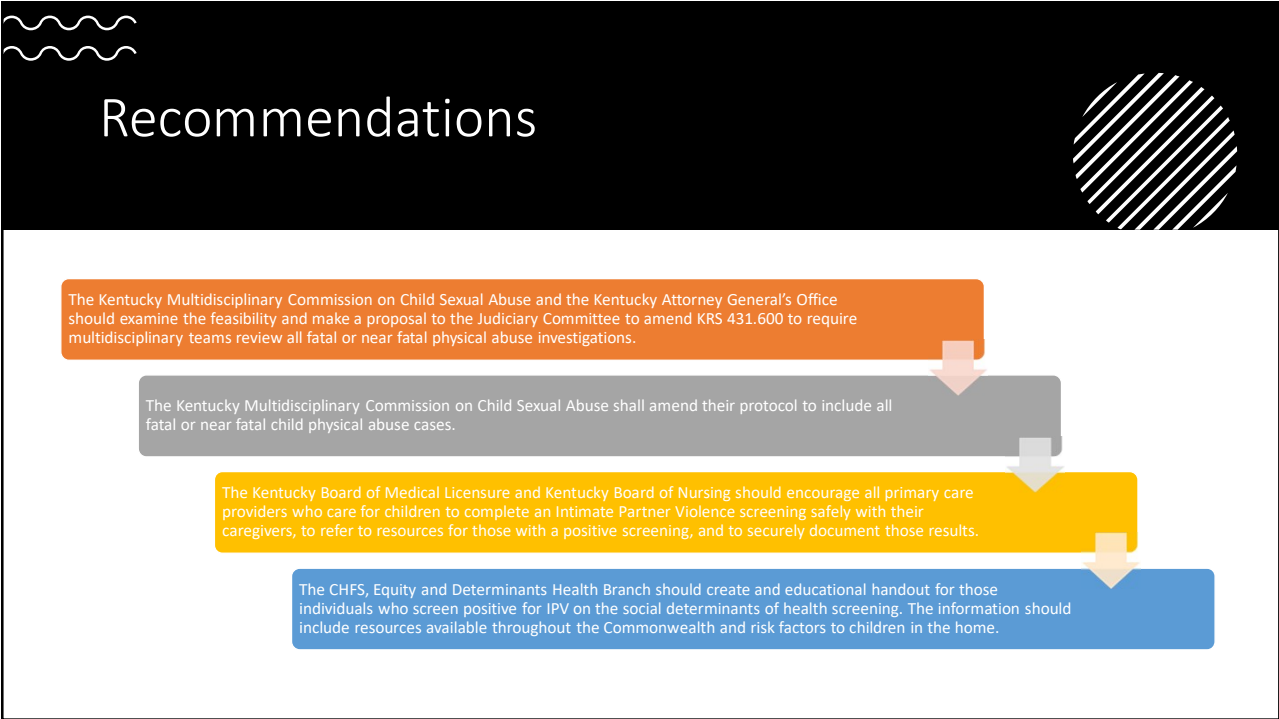
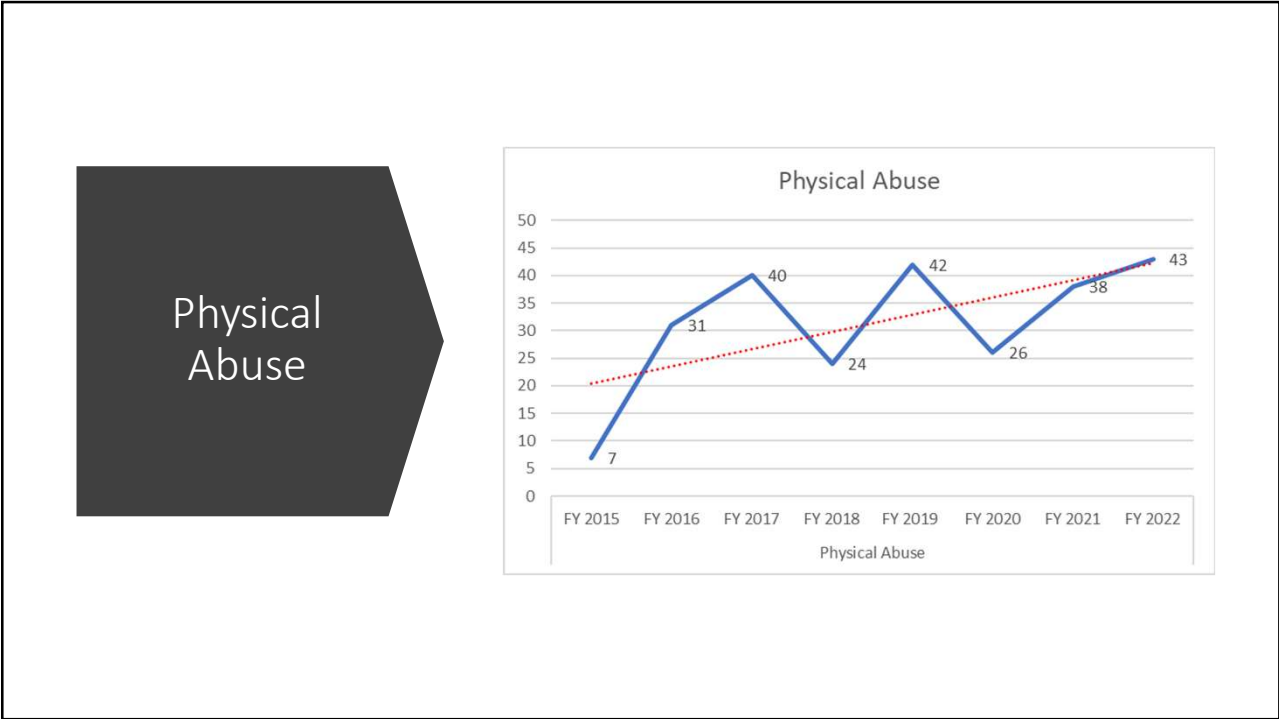
Plan of Safe Care Recommendations



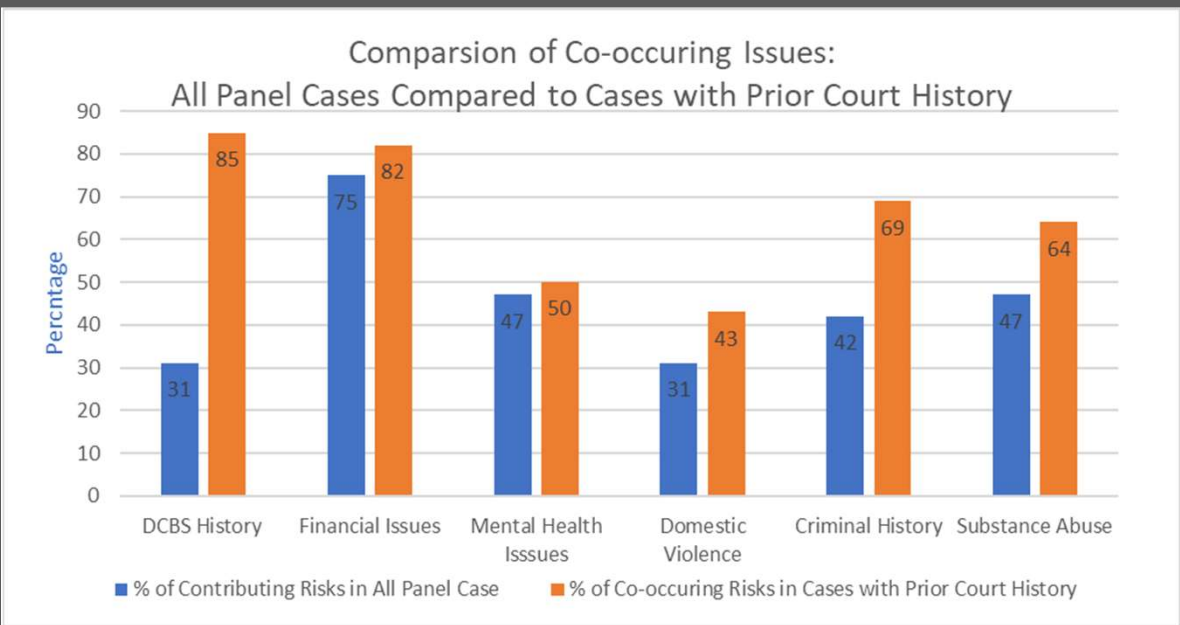
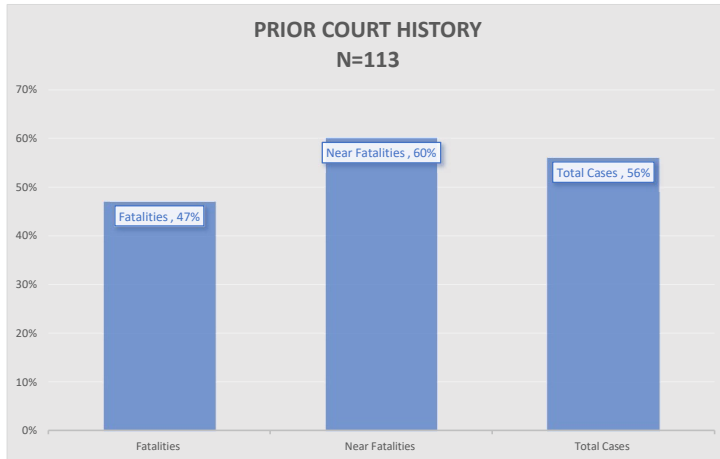
THE KENTUCKY GOVERNOR'S OFFICE CONVENE A TASK FORCE WITH THE GOAL OF DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING A ROBUST PLAN OF SAFE CARE TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF SUBSTANCE EXPOSED INFANTS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH. THE TASK FORCE SHOULD CONSIST OF HOUSE AND SENATE MEMBERS, EXECUTIVE BRANCH PERSONNEL, CFNFERP MEMBERS, AND COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS.

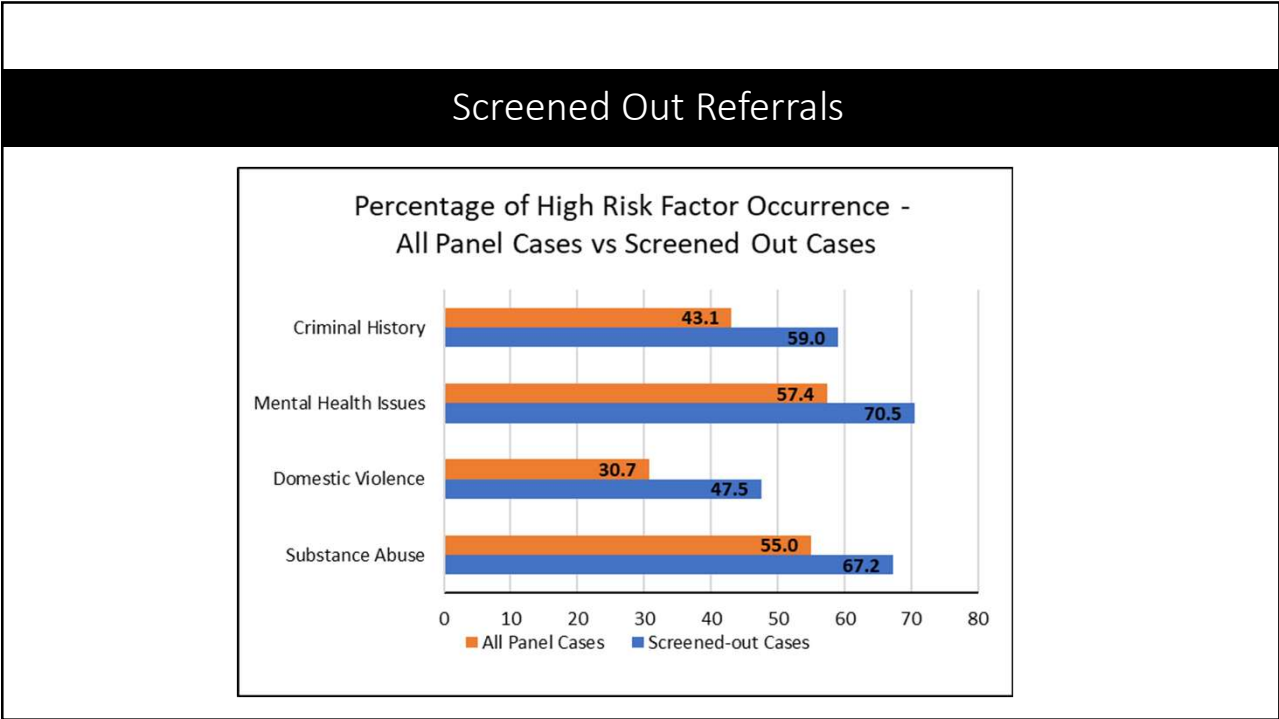
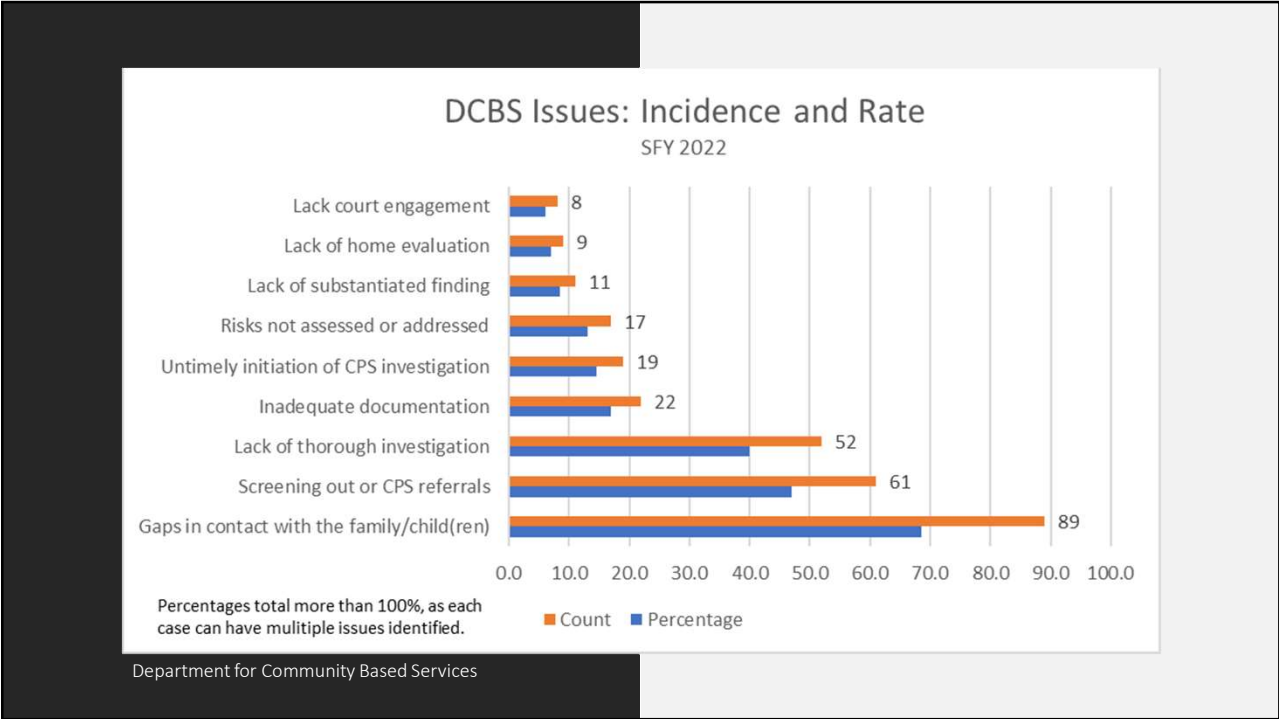


THE CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE KENTUCKY HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, SHOULD IDENTIFY BARRIERS TO REPORTING SEI/NAS CASES TO THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC HEALTH NEONATAL ABSTINENCE SYNDROME REPORTING REGISTRY AND IMPLEMENT ACTIONABLE STEPS TO IMPROVE COMPLIANCE BY FEBRUARY 1ST, 2025.



Family Recovery Court





DCBS Recommendations

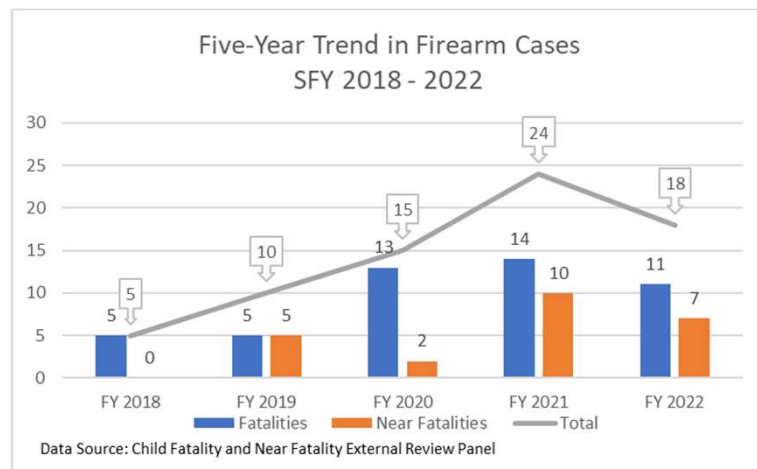
Professional reporting sources, age of victim, and prior CPS involvement be a weighted consideration in Central Intake decision making.

Expand data collection efforts to identify screened out referrals which were ultimately accepted after further review.

Revise policy to ensure referrals received after hours undergo a thorough supervisory review within two-to-four hours.

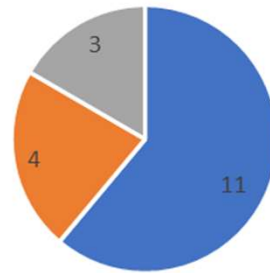
Systems Safety Staff should receive timely notification of all fatal and near fatal referrals, regardless of the designation.

Explore a specialized branch or other processes to focus on handling referrals made by professional reporting sources.



Child-Access Prevention Laws

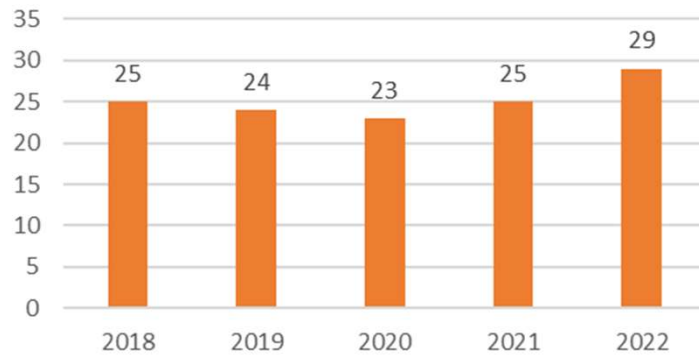
Firearm Cases by Type SFY 2022 n=18



■ Gunshot accident ■ Gunshot Suicide ■ Gunshot Homicide

Youth Suicides

Child Suicides in Kentucky 2018-2022



Youth Suicide Recommendation

The Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID) identify the appropriate entity to implement the psychological autopsy.

DBHDID complete the assessment of best practices in other states and present that information, along with any additional recommendations to the Panel by September 2024.



Questions

Thank you!

