



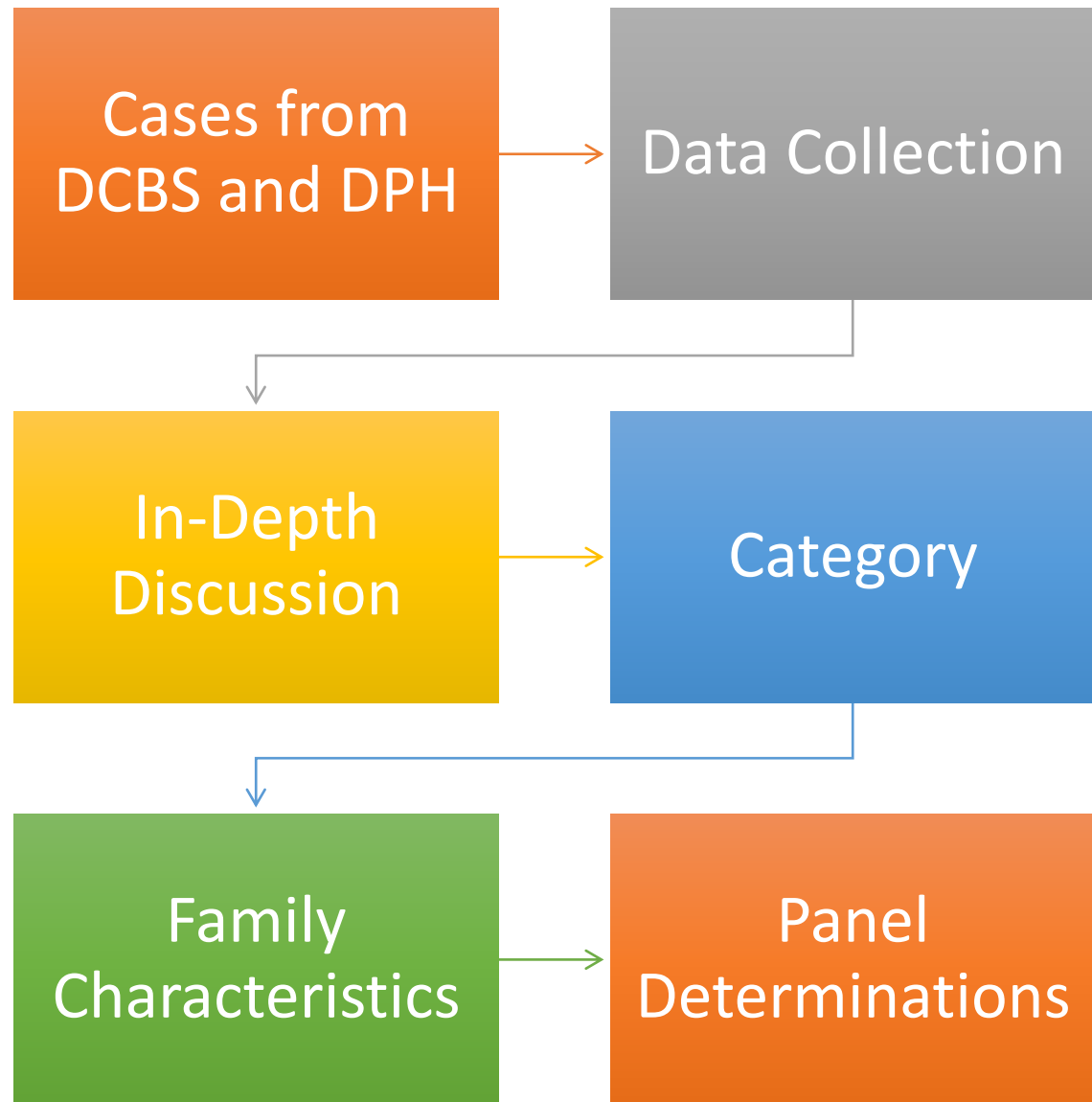
Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel

Steve Shannon, Executive Director, KARP Inc.

Panel Members

- Chair - Hon. Melissa Moore Murphy, Judge Fayette District Court
- Commissioner, DCBS – Lesa Dennis
- Commissioner, DPH - Dr. Henrietta Bada, proxy
- 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 – Olivia Spradlin
- Community Mental Health 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.
- Practicing Addiction Counselor – Geoff Wilson
- Kentucky House of Representatives – Samara Heavrin
- Kentucky Senate - Vacant
- Practicing Prosecutor – Hon. Olivia McCollum
- Practicing Social Work Clinician - Vacant
- Family Resource and Youth Service Center – Heather McCarty
- Practicing Medication-Assisted Treatment – Dr. Danielle Anderson

Panel Process



Annual Report

- Case Reviews
- Findings
- Recommendations

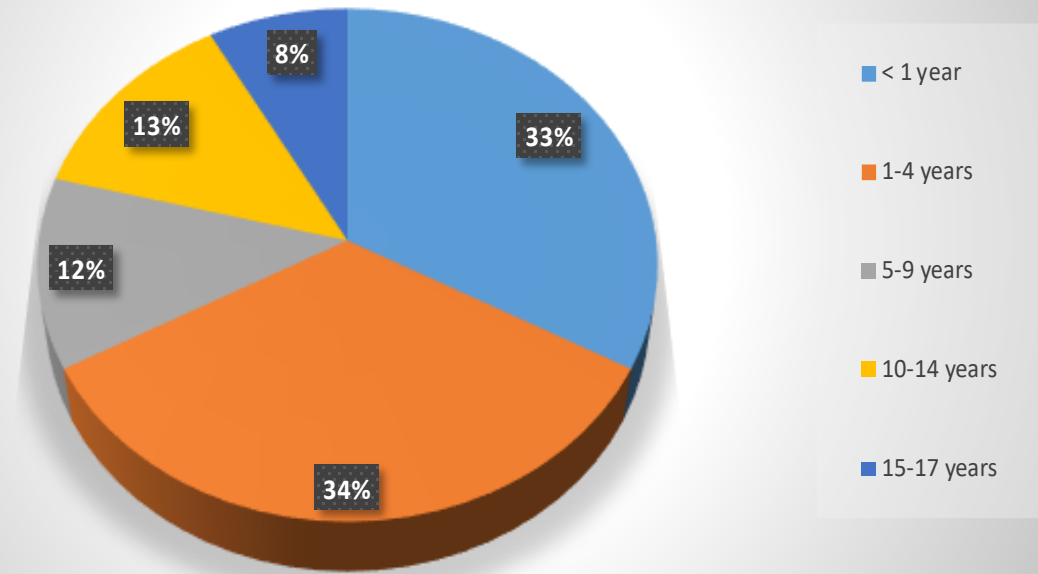


Findings

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

AGE OF CHILD VICTIM IN ALL CASES REVIEWED: SFY 2021

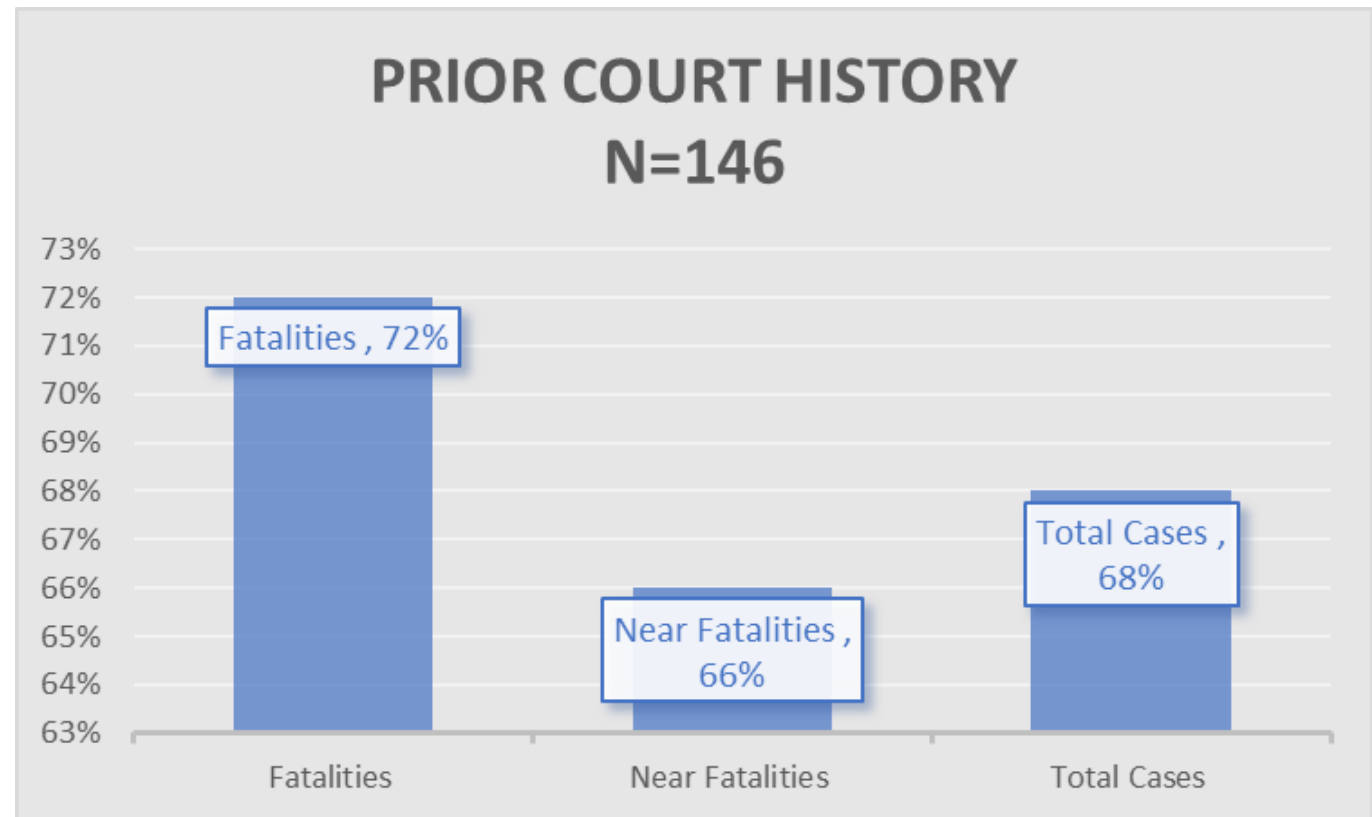
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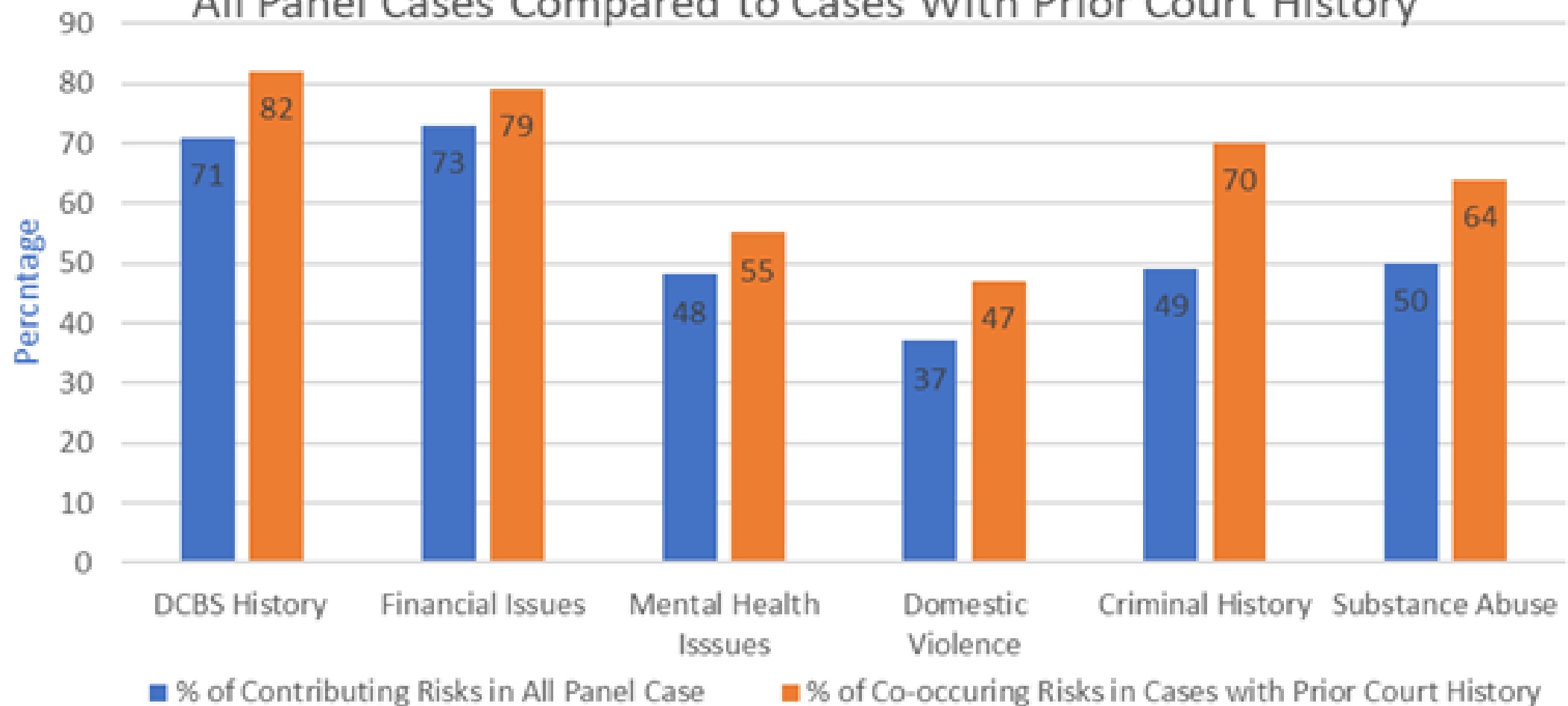
Key Findings

- The most commonly found family characteristics in SFY21 included:
 1. Other (COVID) (73%)
 2. Financial issues (73%)
 3. DCBS history (71%)
 4. Substance abuse (caregiver) (50%)
 5. Criminal history (caregiver) (49%)
 6. Mental Health issues (caregiver) (47%)
- 91% of all Blunt Force Trauma (MVC) cases involved an impaired caregiver
- 51% of all Physical Abuse cases involved caregivers with a criminal history
- 52% of all Abusive Head Trauma cases involved substance abuse and criminal history in the home
- 90% of all Youth Suicide cases involved unsafe access to deadly means

Family Recovery Court

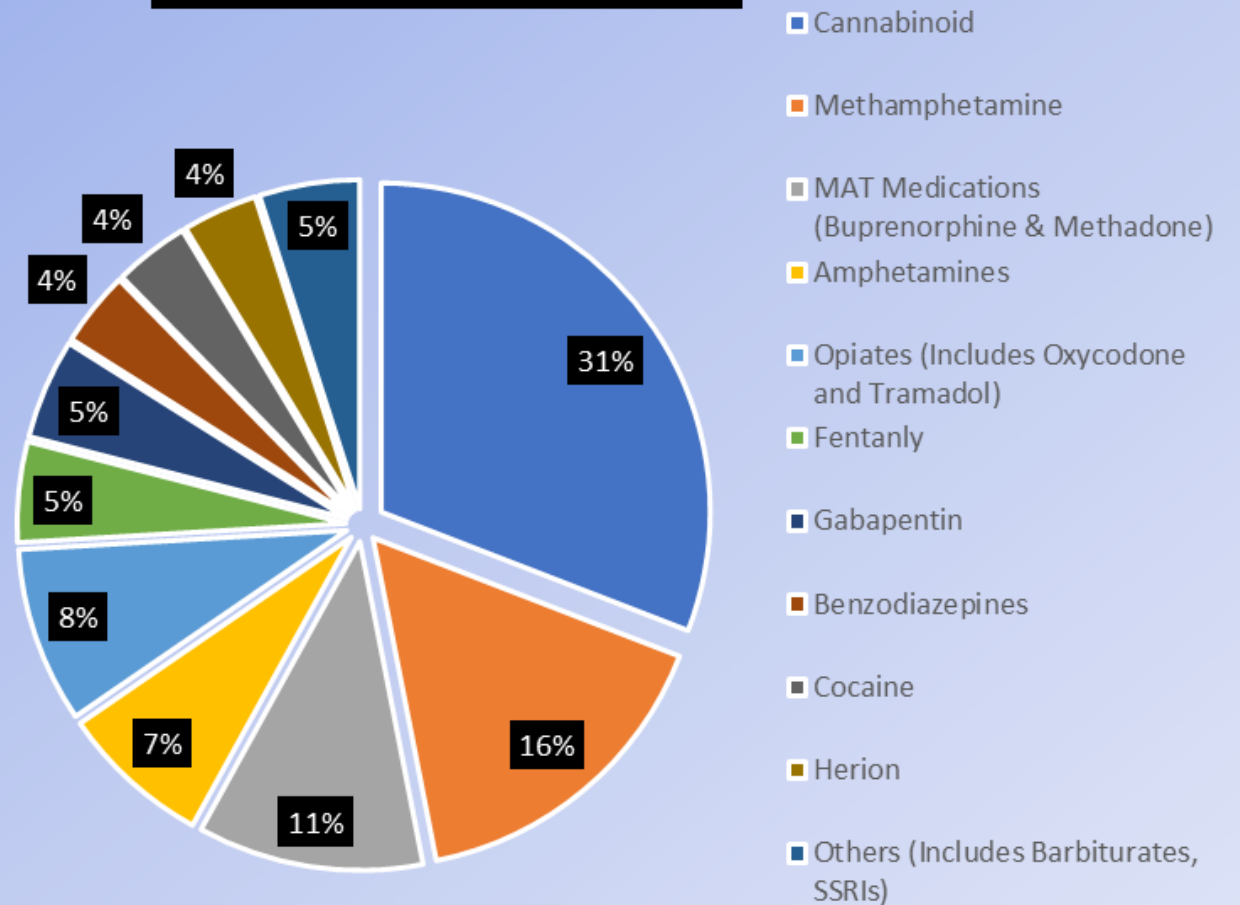


Comparison of Co-occurring Issues: All Panel Cases Compared to Cases With Prior Court History



Plan of Safe Care

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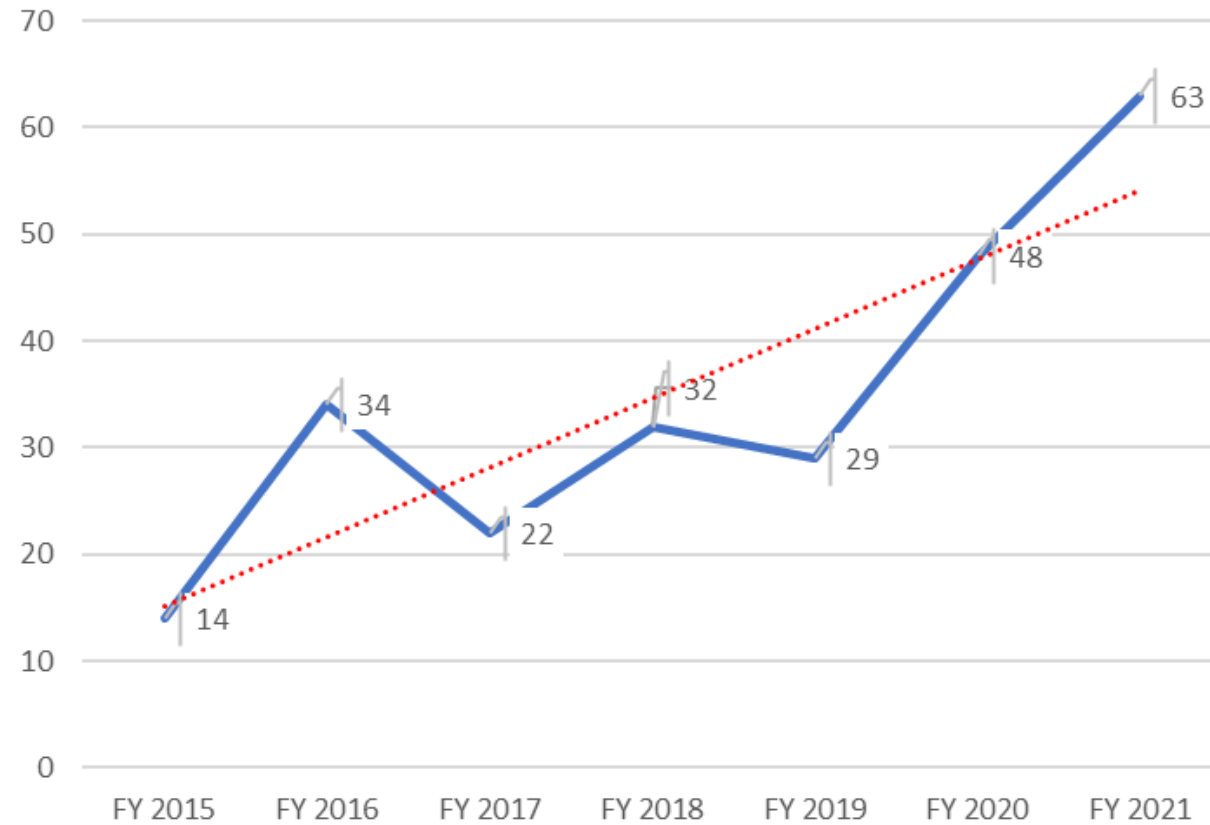
Data Source: Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel

Plan of Safe Care Recommendation

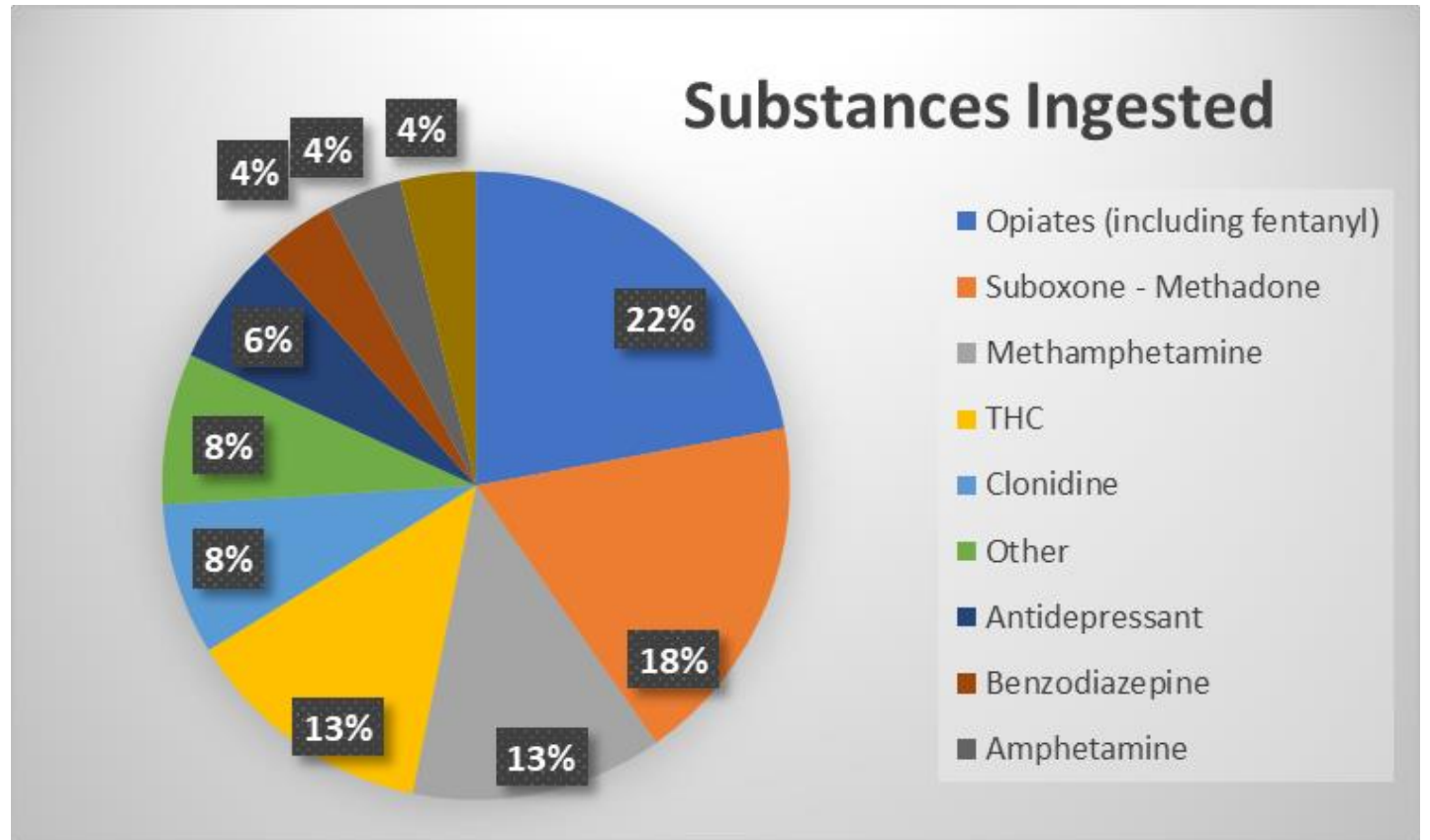
- The Department for Behavioral Health in conjunction with the Department for Public Health should accept full responsibility for implementing a comprehensive Plan of Safe Care. The Department for Community Based Services should ensure all notifications of substance exposed infants are referred to the POSC program, regardless of whether the case is accepted for investigation.
- The Health and Welfare Committee should review the Department's Plan of Safe Care Program for implementation and allocate necessary funding and any proposed legislative changes.

Trends

Overdose/Ingestion Categorization FY 2015 - 2021



Types of Substances Ingested

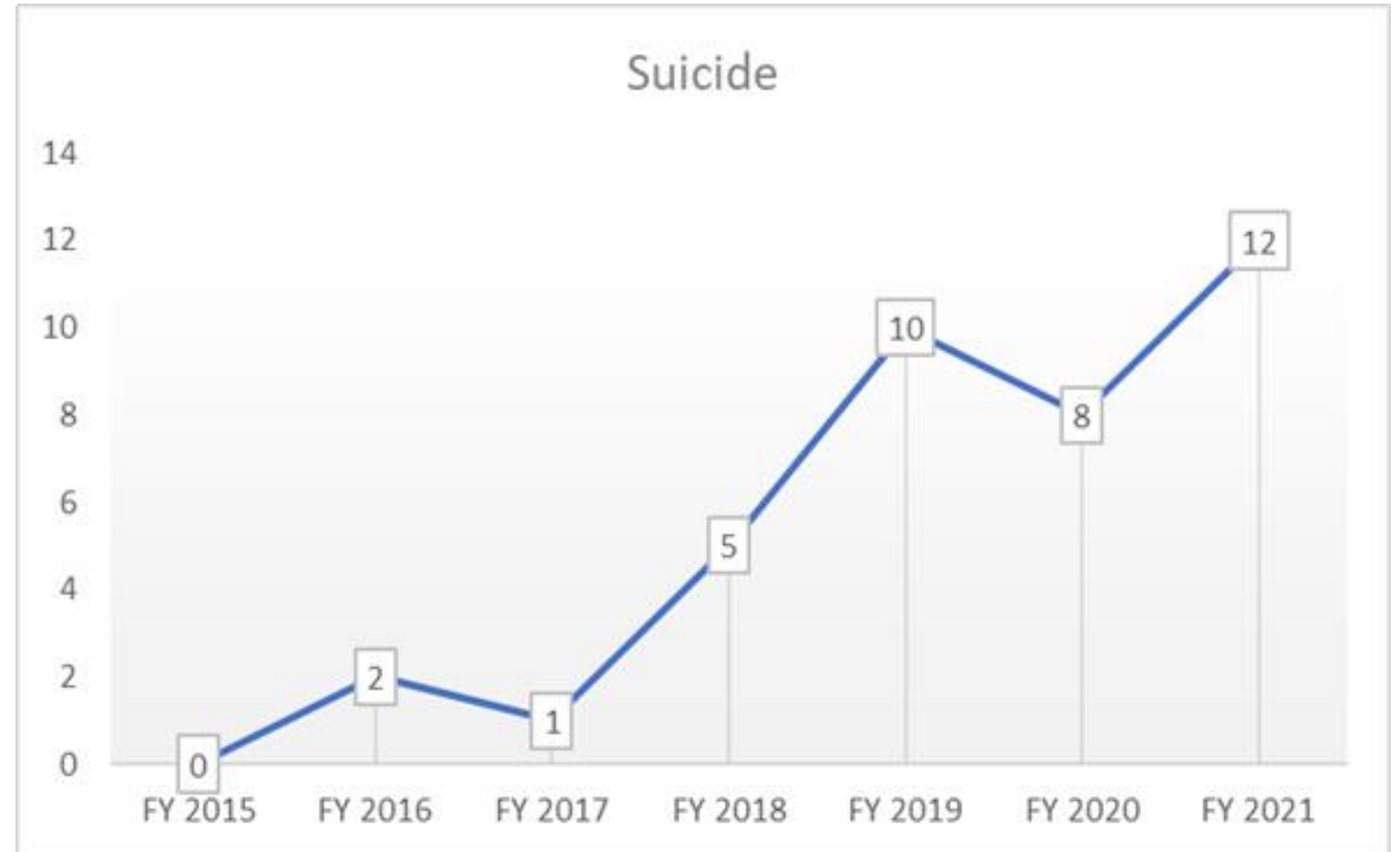


Overdose/Ingestion Recommendations

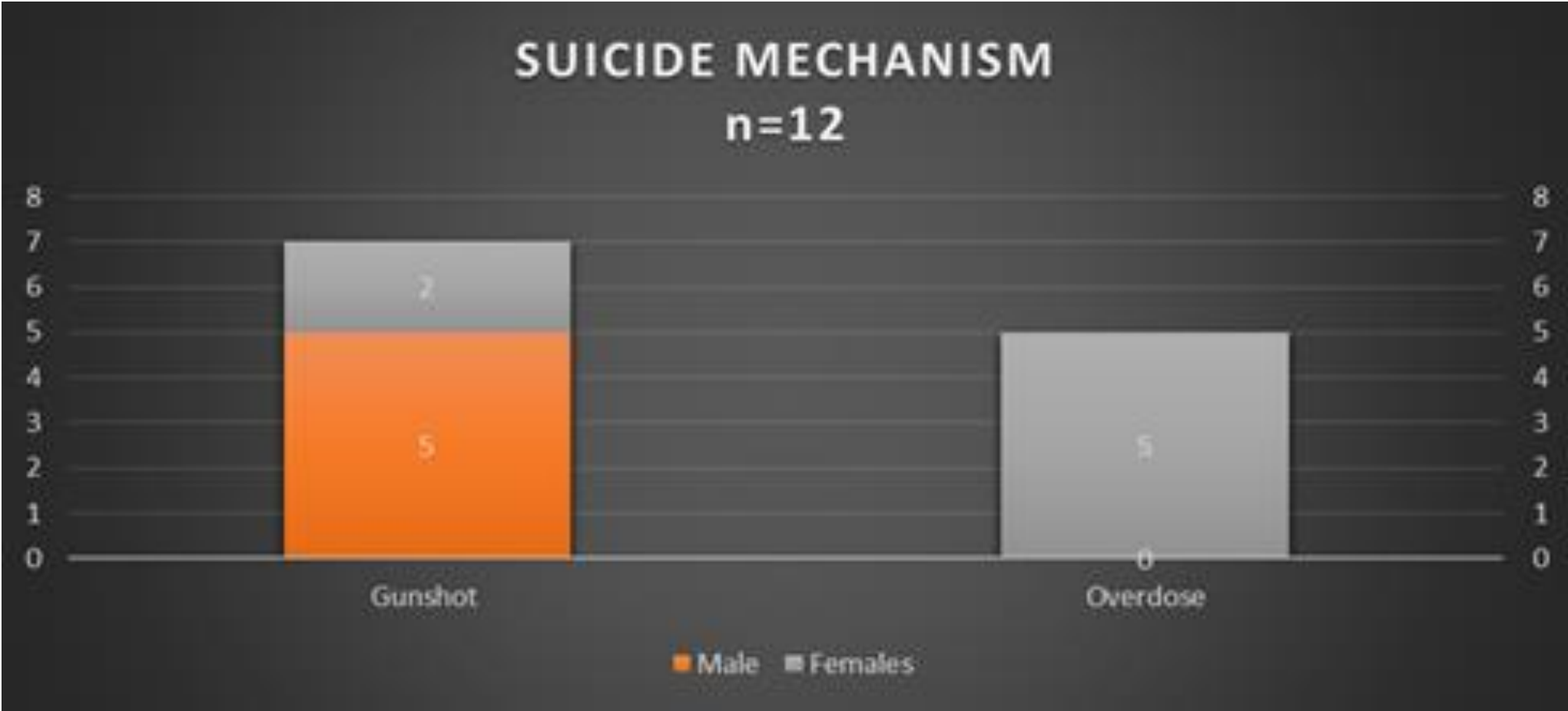
- Face-to-face safe storage messaging to anyone receiving Medicated-Assisted Treatment pharmaceuticals
- Distribution of medication lockboxes to high-risk families
- Medication storage campaign
- Primary care providers should educate their clients on proper medication storage, targeted to caregivers for children under the age of six and older children who have documented mental health concerns.



Trends



Youth Suicide

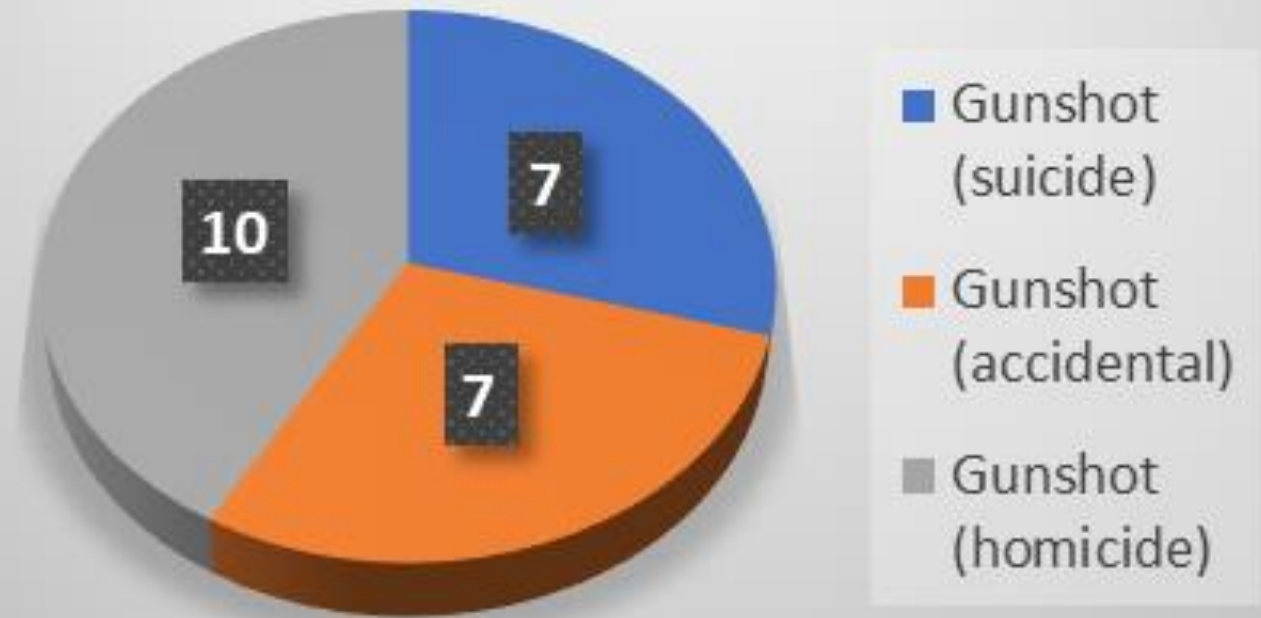


Youth Suicide Recommendations

- DBHDID should develop a budget proposal to implement a statewide Psychological Autopsy in youth suicides.
- DBHDID should explore grant opportunities to offset the initial implementation cost.
- Department of Professional Licensing should ensure all mental health counselors are providing consistent messaging on safe storage of medication and firearms to the caregivers of the children in their practice.

Child-Access Prevention Laws

Firearm Related Injuries





Questions

Thank you!