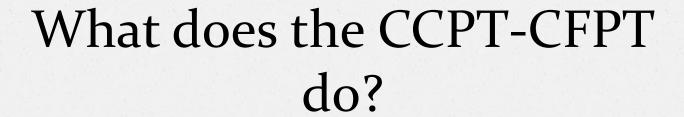
Annual Report

Chatham County Community Child
Protection & Fatality Prevention Combined
Team



- Review active child welfare cases to determine gaps or deficiencies in the community's resources that affect child wellbeing
- Review all child fatalities (under age 18)
- Examine policies and procedures of state and local agencies



- Jennie Kristiansen, Director, CCDSS, Co-Chair of combined team
- Mike Zelek, Director, Chatham County Health Department, Co-Chair of combined team
- Kayley Taber, Assistant District Attorney
- Marcella Trageser, Assistant District Attorney
- Tracy Fowler, Director of Student Services, Chatham County Schools
- Thomas Droke, Chatham County Board of Social Services
- Nickie Siler, Guardian ad Litem Supervisor, Guardian ad Litem Program District 15-B
- Or. Susan Pitts, Pediatrician, Piedmont Health, Moncure Health Clinic
- Lora Rinaldi, Chatham County Sheriff's Office
- Scott Meulendyke, Chatham County Sheriff's Office
- Rodney West, Chatham County Sheriff's Office
- O Della Richardson, Telamon Headstart
- Natasha Elliott, Central Piedmont Community Action
- Cim Brailer, CCDSS
- Caitlin Howison, CCDSS
- Theresa Buchanan, CFPT Coordinator, CCPHD



The Board of County Commissioners may appoint a maximum of five additional members to represent various county agencies or the community at large to serve on any local team.

- Anne Chapman, Coordinator, Chatham County Victim Services
- Carissa Brown, Center Director, Daymark Recovery Services
- Shirille Lee, Communities in Schools Chatham County
- Deborah Flowers, UNC Beacon Program, Moore County Child Advocacy Center
- Courtney Crawford Pope, El Futuro



- Develop understanding of complexities and challenges families involved with child welfare are facing
- Identifying gaps in service provision
- Making recommendations for system change



- Selection based on complicated nature of the problems
- Social workers looking for feedback regarding improving outcomes
- Most cases had prior CPS history



- Serious substance use, domestic violence, and medical neglect were primary reasons for removal
- All nine children placed with kin or family
- Permanent plans were guardianship or adoption



- More effective "fast tracking" of Interstate Placement agreements so that children can be move across state lines to be with family
- Supports for families who have newly immigrated and are Spanish speaking
- Improved access for uninsured or underinsured parents who have significant behavioral health needs



- Review of Child Fatality Intensive Review Process
- Review of legislative changes regarding the reporting of abuse and neglect
- Impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic
- Presentation on Safe Kids Chatham

Child Fatalities

- Review of 5 child fatalities in Chatham County
- Two fatalities were determined to be unpreventable.
- Circumstances in three cases were determined to be preventable

General Themes

- Safe sleep has been seen in case reviews over past several years
- Traffic accidents are another common cause of preventable death among children
 - Safe Kids Chatham presented to CCPT-CFPT on car seat safety
- COVID-19 presented unique challenges and team will continue to assess impacts on Chatham's youngest residents

2020 Successes

- Trauma-Informed Communities Grant
- Groundwater Event
- District Permanency Collaboratives
- Foster Parent Recruitment
- EMBRACE Organizational Equity Assessment
- COVID-19 Response Efforts & Initiatives



- Family Treatment Court
- Family First Prevention Services Act
- Education for primary and secondary caregivers on safe sleep
- System alignment

Questions?