



# Annual Report

Chatham County Community Child  
Protection Team

# What does the CCPT do?

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

# Mandated CCPT Members

- o The county director of social services and a member of the DSS staff;
- o A local law enforcement officer, appointed by the board of county commissioners;
- o An attorney from the district attorney's office, appointed by the district attorney;
- o The executive director of the local community action agency, as defined by the Division of Economic Opportunity, Department Health and Human Services, or the executive director's designee;
- o The superintendent of each local school administrative unit located in the county, or the superintendent's designee;
- o A member of the county board of social services, appointed by the chair of that board;
- o A local mental health professional, appointed by the director of the area authority established under Chapter 122C of the General Statutes;
- o The local guardian ad litem coordinator, or the coordinator's designee;
- o The director of the department of public health; and
- o A local health care provider, appointed by the local board of public health.

# Case Review Goals

- o Identifying gaps in service provision
- o Providing input and guidance for next steps
- o Making recommendations for system change

# Case Review Selection

- o Selection based on complicated nature of the problems
- o Social workers looking for feedback regarding improving outcomes
- o All cases had significant CPS history; on average 6 investigations/assessments per family
- o Most parents had at least one child ordered into DSS custody

# Case Review Findings

- o Multi-generational abuse and neglect (83%)
- o Domestic violence identified in 83% of reviews
- o Adult substance abuse in 83% of families
- o Sexual abuse in 33% of families
- o 67% of families had a child under age 5
- o 67% of children had identified mental health diagnosis or developmental delay

# FY 15 Recommendations

- o Develop stronger child abuse and neglect prevention programs.
- o Expand parenting programming for all parents.
- o Maintain and enhance our current trauma-informed child welfare system.
- o Build a sustainable model of mental health treatment.
- o Increase capacity to serve Spanish speaking families.

# Progress During FY 16

- o Two new parenting programs were implemented in Chatham County. Strengthening Families is for families with children aged 10-14 and Incredible Years Baby for children 0-8 months old.
- o Trauma screening for all children involved in Child Protective Services and additional education programming for foster parents



# Next Steps

- o Support further implementation of new parenting programming
- o Examine impacts of opioid abuse
- o Considering continued subcommittee work based on priority areas



Questions?