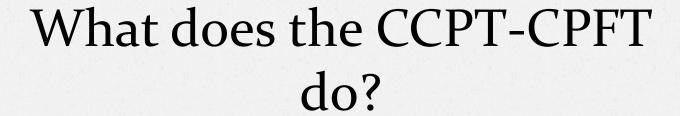
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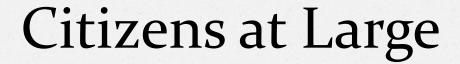
Chatham County Community Child
Protection & Fatality Prevention Combined
Team



- 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
- Layton Long, 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
- Jessica Jurek, Cardinal Innovations Healthcare
- Nickie Siler, Guardian ad Litem Supervisor, Guardian ad Litem Program District 15-B
- Dr. 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
- Della Richardson, Telamon Headstart



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
- Dr. Luke Smith (or designee), Medical Director, El Futuro



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



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



- Criminal history (67%)
- Domestic violence (67%)
- Adult substance use disorder (100%)
- Children with mental health diagnoses or developmental delays (64%)
- Sexual abuse identified in 3 families (50%)
- At least 1 supportive family member/kin to provide support (83% placed with kin)



- Develop stronger child abuse and neglect prevention programs.
- Identify opportunities to increase community knowledge of impacts of ACES
- Build a sustainable model of mental health treatment.
- Increase capacity to serve Spanish speaking families.

Child Fatalities

- Review of 9 child fatalities in Chatham County
- Seven fatalities were determined to be unpreventable.
- Circumstances in two cases were determined to be preventable



- Individual reports were completed on child deaths reviewed by the team and were forwarded to the State Coordinator.
- The annual Fatality Activity Summary was completed and sent to the state.



- Continuing educational presentations into meetings (e.g. family planning, tobacco in 2019)
- Identifying opportunities for improving services for families impacted by COVID-19
- Pending implementation of Family First Act may impact Child Abuse Prevention efforts
- Pending legislation that would lead to reforms to NC child fatality system

Questions?