



# 2022 Annual Report from Buncombe County CCPT/CFPT

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# Purpose of NC Child Fatality Prevention System

- Develop a community-wide approach to child abuse & neglect
- Understand causes of childhood deaths
- Identify gaps/deficiencies in service delivery
- Make & implement recommendations for laws/rules/policies to prevent future child abuse, neglect & death



# Community Child Protection Team

Review selected active cases of children being served by Child Protective Services (CPS)

Review cases in which a child died as a result of suspected abuse/neglect, **AND:**  
a report of abuse/neglect was made about the child or family within the prior 12 months, **OR**  
the child or family was a recipient of CPS within the prior 12 months.



## Child Fatality Prevention Team

Review records of all cases of additional child fatalities.

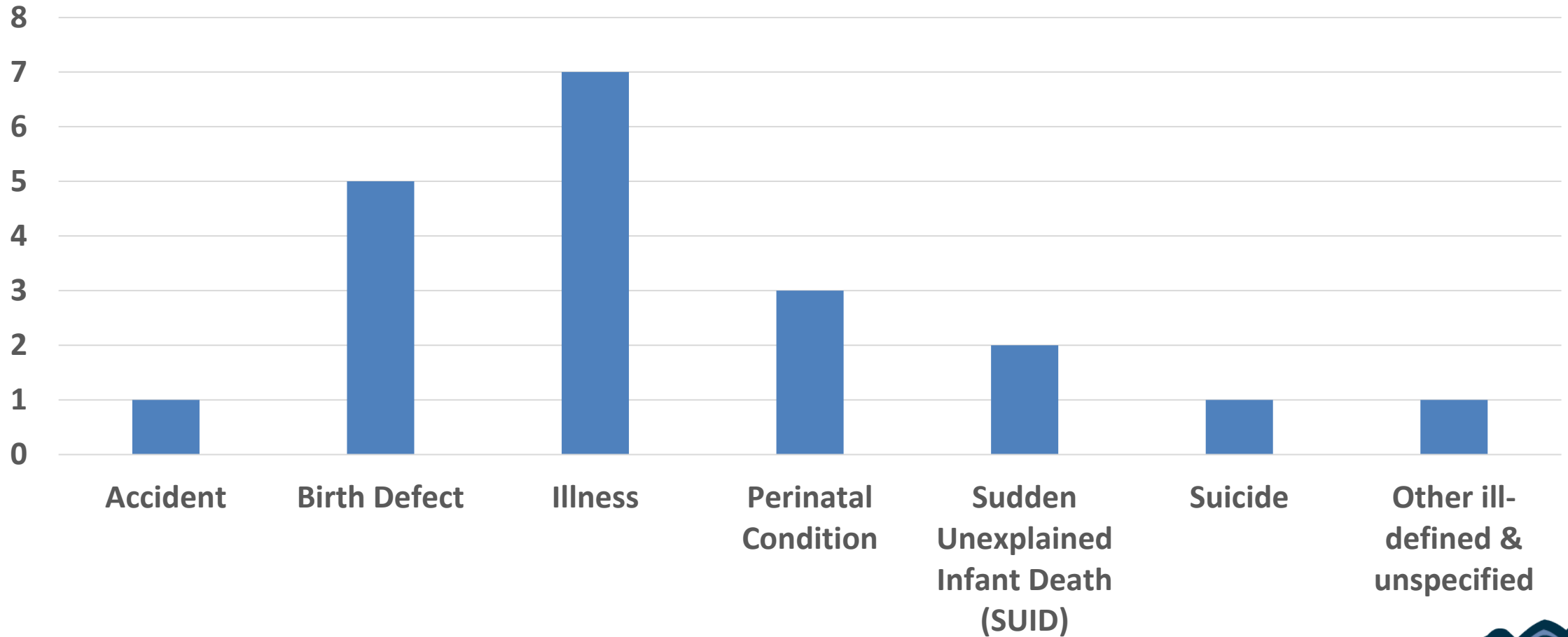


# Role of Board of County Commissioners

- Receive annual report from the local CCPT/CFPT
- Advocate for system improvements and needed resources, if requested
- Appoint members to the local CCPT/CFPT as designated by state statute



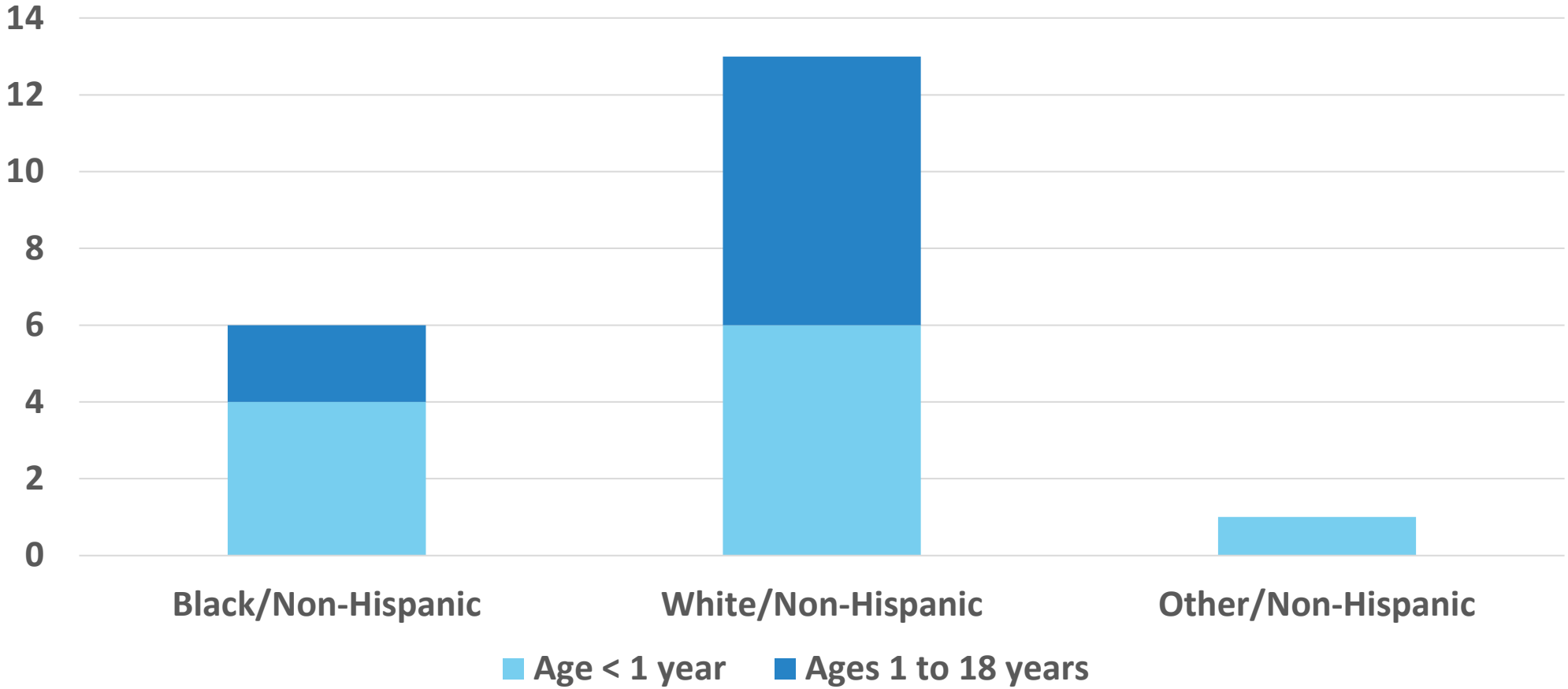
# Number of Child Fatalities by Cause of Death, Buncombe County, 2021



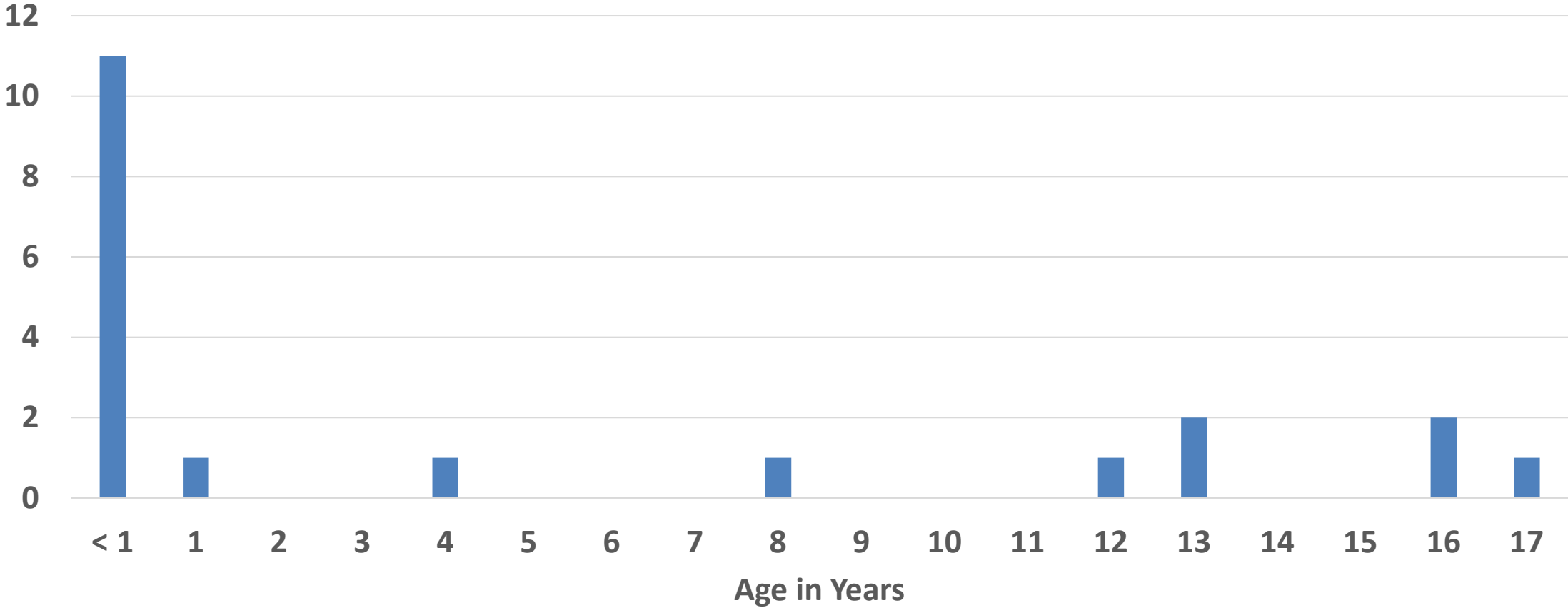
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# Number of Child Fatalities by Race/Ethnicity, Buncombe County, 2021



# Number of Child Fatalities by Age, Buncombe County, 2021

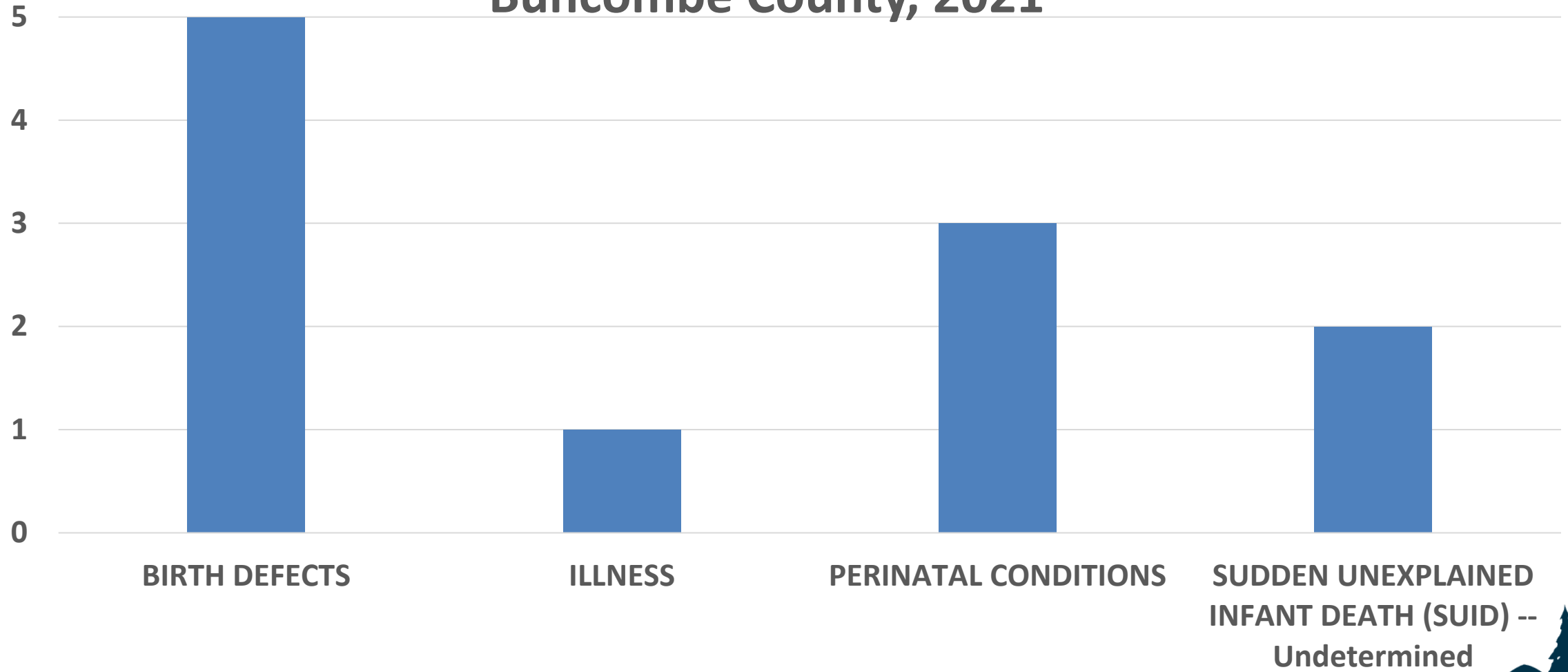


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# Number of Infant Fatalities by Cause of Death, Buncombe County, 2021



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# System Problem: Unsafe Sleep for Infants

SYSTEM PROBLEM	RECOMMENDATION
<p>Caregivers continue to place infants in unsafe sleep environments (e.g., sleep areas with soft bedding, pillows, etc.), leading to preventable infant deaths.</p>	<p>A local Safe Sleep Workgroup should reconvene to work on identifying promising practices related to community messaging about safe sleep, updating prior safe sleep campaign materials, and push these materials and messages out to the community, including through trusted community messengers (community health workers, childcare facilities, churches, etc.) and agencies/programs that interact with caregivers.</p>



# System Problem: Youth Suicide

SYSTEM PROBLEM	RECOMMENDATIONS
<p>Youth suicide is a growing issue in the US and parents/ caregivers lack understanding of how to recognize and address suicidal thoughts in youth.</p>	<p>Local K-12 schools, Vaya Health, &amp; BCHHS should collaborate on a public awareness campaign about youth suicide, sharing information with parents &amp; caregivers on how to identify the risks of suicide and how to respond to youth who have suicidal thoughts</p>



# System Recommendation

*based on 2022 data*



# System Problem: Infant Mortality

SYSTEM PROBLEM	RECOMMENDATIONS
<p>The lack of a universal nurse home visiting program in Buncombe County for families with newborns prevents children, mothers, and families from receiving education and support that could improve their health, safety, and wellbeing.</p>	<p>The Buncombe County Board of Commissioners should consider allocating SFY25 funds for the development and implementation of an evidence-based voluntary nurse home visiting program (such as Families Connect) for all Buncombe County families with newborns.</p>



# Board Appointment

*(at appropriate agenda section)*

- Appoint Colleen Burnet, Child Abuse Prevention Specialist, as the new representative from the Mountain Child Advocacy Center



**Questions?**