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 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
Causes of Child Fatalities, Buncombe County, 2018

Data from Buncombe County Child Fatality Prevention Team
Number of Fatalities by Age, 2018

Data from Buncombe County Child Fatality Prevention Team
Causes of Infant Mortality, Buncombe County, 2018

- Prematurity: 3
- Perinatal condition: 3
- Birth defect: 2
- SUID -- unknown cause: 2

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