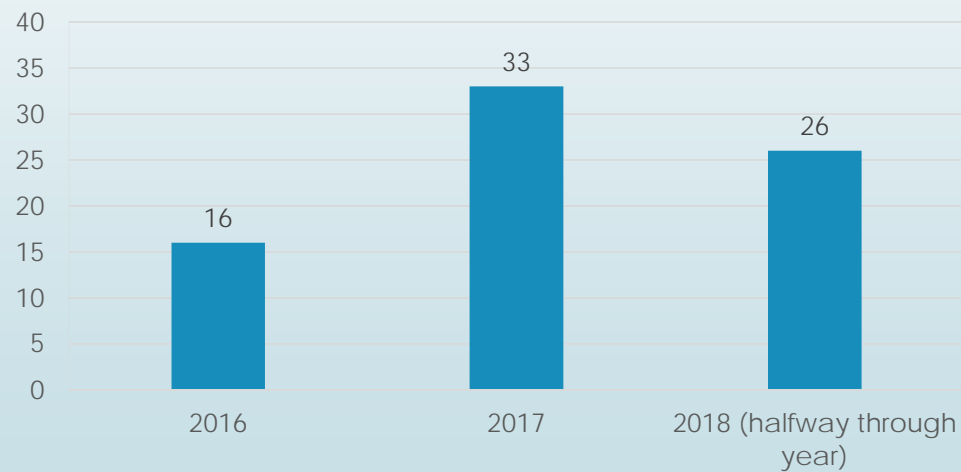




# Substance Abuse Impacts for Carteret County Human Services

# Infants Affected by Drugs at Birth

Carteret County has captured data indicating that the following numbers of infants reported to Child Protective Services (CPS) were impacted by drugs at birth:



## AFTER REVIEWING A 2016 CHILD FATALITY INVOLVING SUBSTANCE USE, CARTERET COUNTY IMPLEMENTED THE FOLLOWING PROTOCOL:

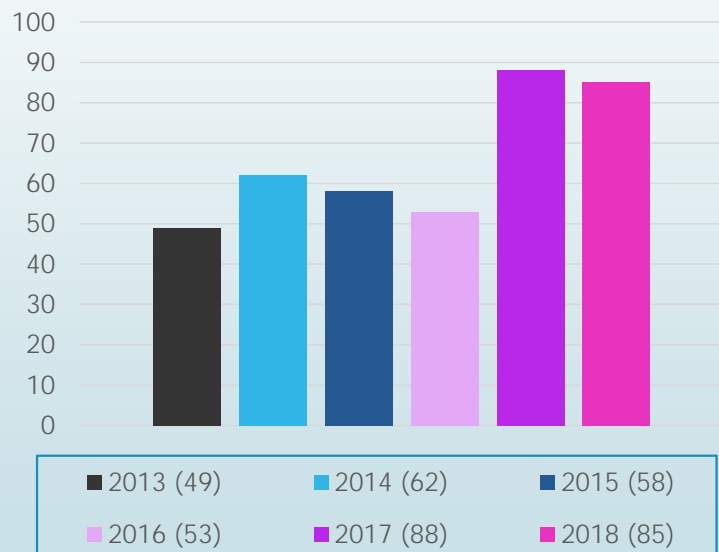
PROTOCOL: CPS Intake will assign *Substance Abuse* reports as Investigative Assessments that allege:

- Use of heroin, methamphetamine and some prescription drugs by parents or caretakers;
- Use of weapons or presence of weapons;
- Criminal behavior or activity in the home that places the child at substantial risk of harm;
- Injuries, harm or substantial impact to the children;
- Injuries to the parent or caretaker that substantially impact the care and supervision of the children.

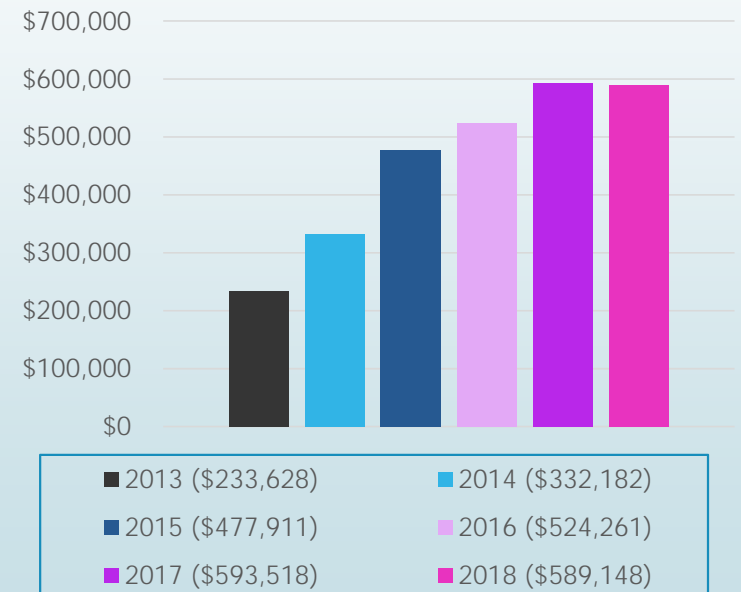
The CPS Intake worker will ask the targeted questions of the report to obtain this information as part of a thorough intake.

# Foster Care

## Children in Custody



## Cost of Care





## Parental Drug Abuse

- 48% of our cases currently have parental drug abuse as the main reason for foster care
- Parental drug abuse is a contributing factor in 28% of additional cases
- 76% of all foster care cases are drug related (85 children in custody)



## Drug Screening Costs

Carteret County Department of Social Services has spent the following for drug screening:

Fiscal Year	Amount
2016/2017	\$21,490.00
2017/2018 (as of May)	\$15,257.00



# Opiate Poisoning in Carteret County

- For 2008-2016\*, there were 364 emergency department visits in Carteret County for opiate poisoning (intentional and unintentional).
- For 2004-2016\*, there were 280 hospitalizations in Carteret County for opiate poisoning (intentional and unintentional).
- For 1999-2016, there were 163 deaths in Carteret County attributed to opiate poisoning (intentional and unintentional).

\*2015 data is unavailable due to a switch in the International Classification of Definition codes.

NC Injury and Violence Prevention Branch (<https://www.injuryfreenc.ncdhhs.gov/DataSurveillance/Poisoning.htm>)



# Opiate Overdoses in Carteret County

- In 2017 (through quarter 3), there were 9 Carteret County residents deaths attributed to unintentional opioid overdoses.
- In 2017, 41 Carteret County residents went to the Emergency Department for opioid overdoses.
- In 2017, there were 4,645,000 opioid pills dispensed to Carteret County residents in 2017. Previous data from the Controlled Substances Reporting System, in 2016, show 6,984,331 opioid pills were dispensed to Carteret County residents in 2016. The decline in the number of opioid pills dispensed in Carteret County “could” be attributed to general awareness of the growing problem, increased provider education on pain management, and/or legislation passed and partially implemented in 2017 (STOP Act).





# Hepatitis C

## Hepatitis C Testing

- 296 cases of Hep C were reported to the Communicable Diseases Division at Carteret County Health Department during FY 17/18.
- 105 of those cases were actually diagnosed by the Carteret County Health Department.
- Prior to 5/2017, it was very expensive to test for Hep C, so many went undiagnosed.
- Prior to 9/2017, it was not required that the Public Health Departments report Chronic Hep C.

## Hepatitis C Treatment

- June 15, 2018, Carteret County Health Department became one of the three Public Health Departments in NC treating Hep C.
- Thus far, 7 patients have begun treatment for Hep C.
- The actual treatment is billed under a sliding fee scale according to income.
- The medication (which is the most expensive part of treatment) is FREE through a grant CCHD pursued.



## Other Impacts

- Adult Services – exploitation
- Social Worker Time – researching resources and making referrals
- Social Worker Emotional Health – the situations, the deaths, the exploitation, the children
- Meetings of Professionals – so many arenas –  
Coastal Coalition for Substances Abuse Prevention, Statewide Opioid & Prescription Drug Advisory Committee, Carteret Collaborative (System of Care and Crisis Intervention), Concerned Citizens of Carteret, School Health Advisory Committee