

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Catawba County Child Fatality Prevention Team (CFPT)

TEAM'S FUNCTION

North Carolina Statute, Article 14, 7B-1406: Role is to review fatalities for children under the age of 18 in the county, identify system problems and make recommendations for improvement.

The North Carolina Child Fatality Prevention Team seeks to identify and reduce preventable child fatalities through:

- » Systematic, multidisciplinary, and multi-agency reviews of child fatalities
- » Data-driven recommendations for legislative and public policy initiatives
- » Assisting local teams
- » Interdisciplinary training
- » Promotion of community-based prevention education

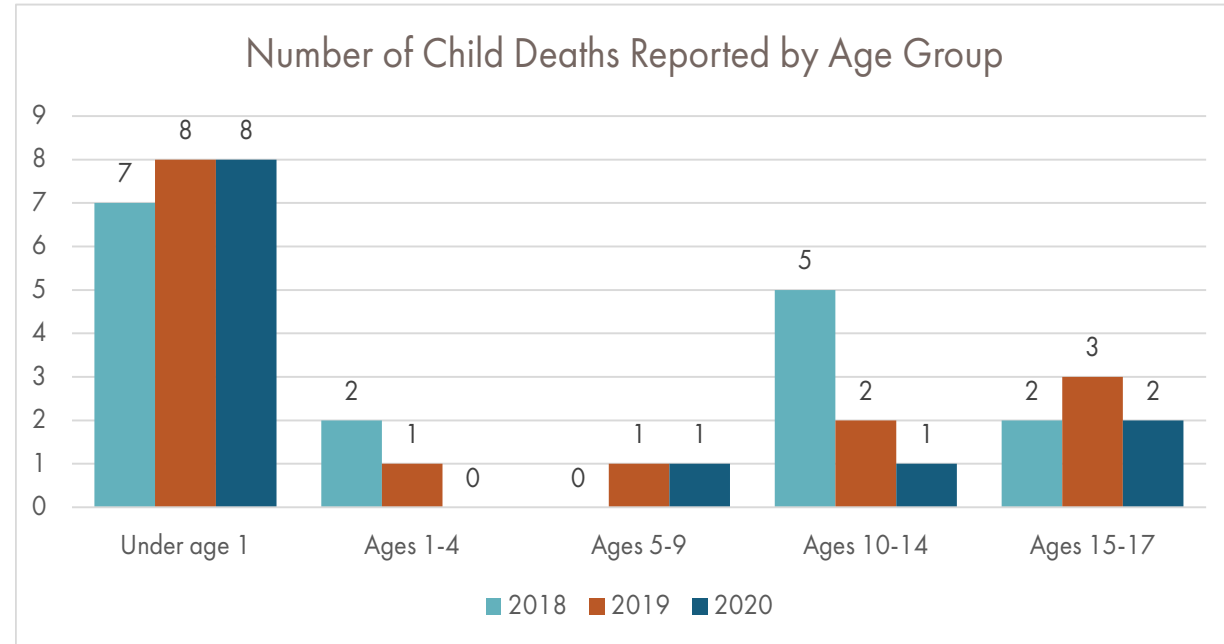
More information on the North Carolina Child Fatality Prevention Team is available at:

<http://www.ocme.dhhs.nc.gov/nccfpp/index.shtml>

Community partners include representatives from many disciplines: Public health, social services, law enforcement, school systems, EMS, mental health, Medical Examiner, hospital/ maternity services, children's advocacy groups

NUMBER OF 2020 CASES REPORTED: 12

One case was reported, but has not yet been reviewed, as it is still under law enforcement investigation.



CAUSES OF DEATH

- » Perinatal/prenatal condition - 2
- » Birth defects - 2
- » Illnesses - 2
- » Homicide - 2
- » Suicide - 2
- » Accidents (flood) - 1
- » Other/unknown - 1

Two thirds of all deaths reported for 2020 involved children under the age of 1.

2021 ACTIVITIES

- » Continued to focus on safe sleep
- » Continued to encourage early prenatal care
- » Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program continues to see success in the number of days babies spend in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

