

## **Department of Health and Human Services**

**Division of Social Services  
Child Welfare Section  
100 County Director Call – October 2017**

# **Plan of Safe Care and Substance Affected Infant Policy: Monitoring Implementation**

# **Amended** Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA)

States receiving CAPTA funding are required to assure the federal government that they have a law or statewide program in effect and under operation that:

*Addresses the needs of infants born and identified as being affected by ~~illegal~~ substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure, or a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) with*

- *A requirement that health care providers involved in the delivery or care of such infants notify the child protective services system of the occurrence of such condition of such infants*
- *The development of a plan of safe care for the infant...to ensure the safety and well-being of such infant following release from the care of healthcare providers, including through –*
  - *Addressing the health and substance use disorder treatment needs of the infant and affected family or caregiver; and*
  - *Development and implementation by the State of monitoring systems regarding the implementation of such plans to determine whether and in what manner local entities are providing, in accordance with State requirements, referrals to and delivery of appropriate services for the infant and affected family or caregiver*

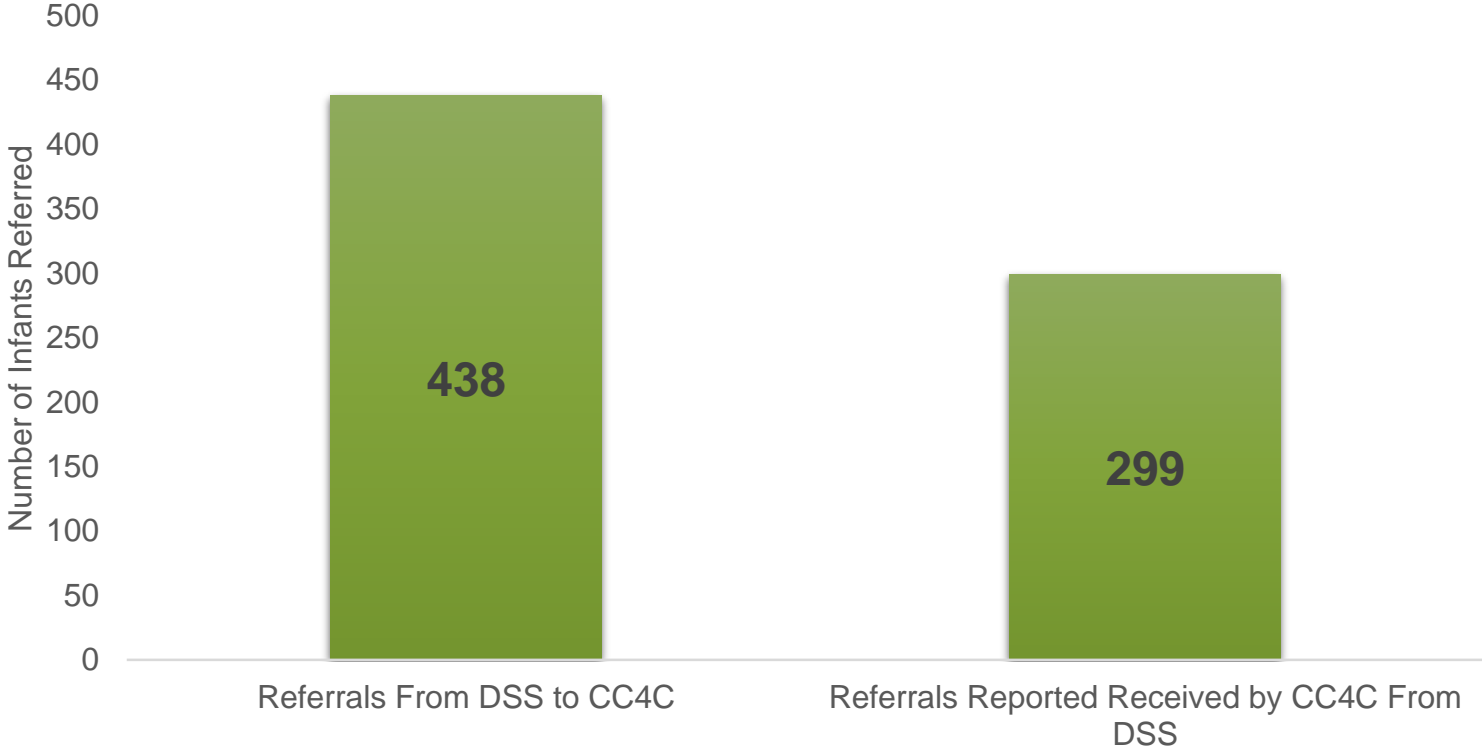
# Plan of Safe Care Interagency Collaborative

- **Child Welfare data collection**
- **CC4C data collection**
- **Reviewing qualitative information**
- **Providing technical assistance**
- **Continued outreach**

# Implementation Challenges

- Reflected in data
- Awareness of new policy varies
- Agency's interpretation of policy varies
- Legal concerns for agencies involved exists
- Plans of Safe Care have a wide variation in levels of completion (with numerous causes)
- Change is challenging

# Plans of Safe Care made by DSS vs Referrals Received by CC4C in August



# Comparison of Infants Screened-In and Screened-Out in August 2017



## **Learning More...**

- **Amending the monthly data survey**
- **Survey of screening procedures**
- **CC4C Survey**
- **Recommendations?**

# Resources

- POSCIC email address:  
[SVC\\_NCPOSCIC@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:SVC_NCPOSCIC@dhhs.nc.gov)
- Archived July 2017 webinar, entitled, Substance Exposed Infants, CAPTA and Hospitals found at:  
[https://whb.adobeconnect.com/\\_a1138253972/pq9wxqaexbot/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pbMode=normal](https://whb.adobeconnect.com/_a1138253972/pq9wxqaexbot/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pbMode=normal)
- **CAPTA/CARA Monthly Conference Calls**  
**Toll-Free Number (877) 594-8353**  
**Participant Pass Code 48729103**
  - Nov.21, 2017 12:30-1:30 PM
  - Dec. 14, 2017 4-5 PM



# Questions and Feedback

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