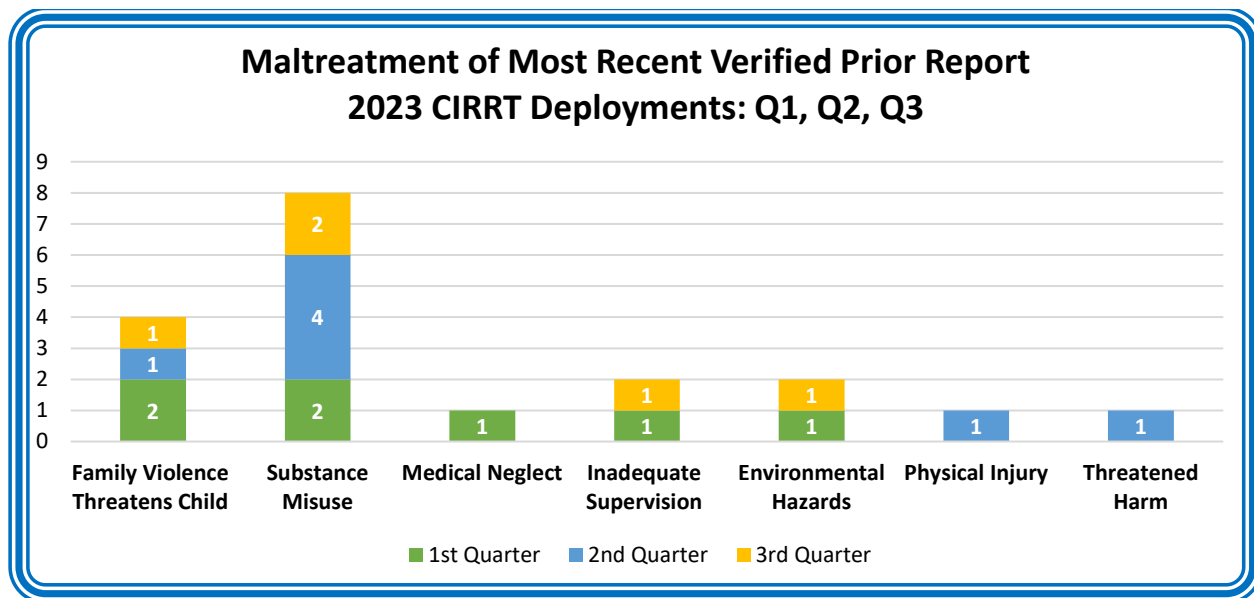
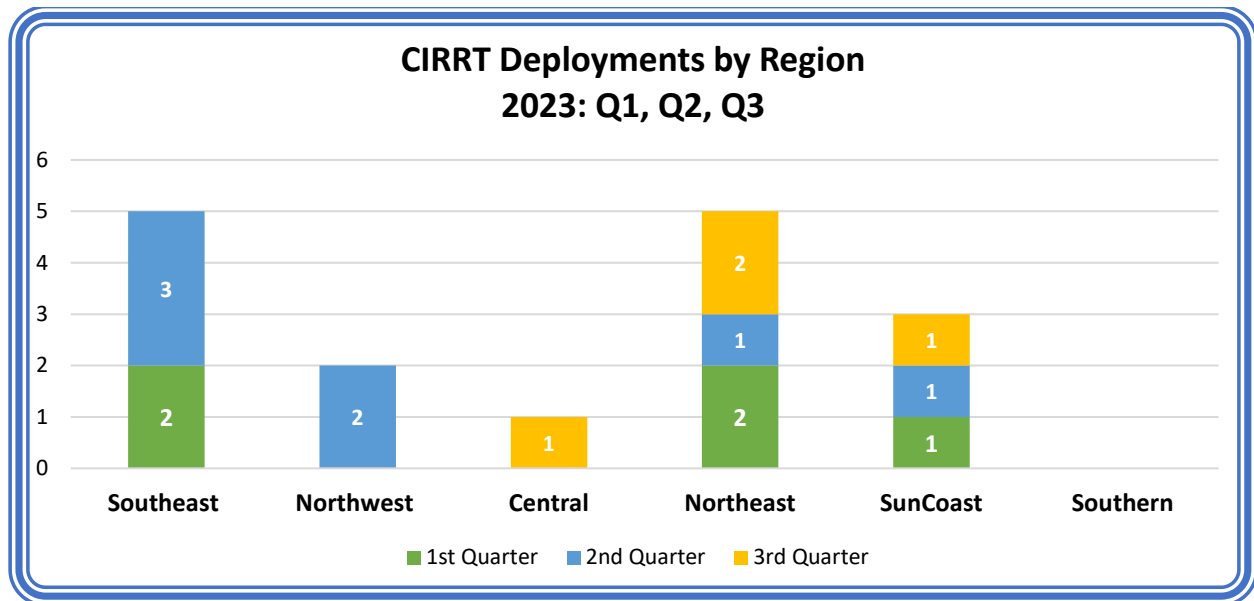


**Florida Department of Children and Families  
Critical Incident Rapid Response Team (CIRRT)  
Advisory Committee Report Overview  
2023-Quarter 3**

Between July 1, 2023, and September 30, 2023, there were 111 fatalities reported to the Hotline. Of those 111 cases, four met the criteria for a CIRRT deployment. Of the four deployments, the deceased child had a prior history in three of the reviews conducted. In two reviews, the deceased child was open to case management services, and in one review the deceased child was previously involved with case management services. The prior verified maltreatments included substance abuse, household violence, environmental hazards, inadequate supervision, and failure to protect.



## Summary of Deployments

- The deployment to Citrus County involved the death of a 2 ½-month-old infant after he was found unresponsive while in the care of his paternal grandmother, the relative caregiver. The death occurred during an open judicial case stemming from the child's removal in June of 2023. The child's removal was due to the mother and the infant testing positive for cocaine at his birth.
- The deployment to Duval County involved the death of an 8-month-old infant when he was found unresponsive after being placed to sleep on an adult bed, by his mother. The death occurred during an open in-home non-judicial case stemming from the verified report involving the infant's older siblings in November 2022. Details of the verified report include concerns of neglect due to the home environment and lack of parental supervision for which the mother was arrested. The decedent and his twin sibling were added to the services case when staff learned of their birth in December 2022.
- The deployment to Hillsborough County involved the death of a 9-month-old infant after she was found unresponsive in the bassinet, which was placed next to the parents' bed.
- The deployment to Volusia County involved the drowning death of a 2-year-old child after he was able to get out of the home undetected. The family was previously involved with in-home non-judicial services, which were closed in February 2023.

## Overall Findings

- In the majority of reviews, the assessment of present and impending danger properly aligned with the Department's policies and procedures, and sufficient information was obtained to support the final safety determination. Additionally, actions to engage families with necessary service providers were completed including the following:
  - Stabilization of the Child Protective Investigator (CPI) and CPI Supervisor (CPIS) workforce to create manageable caseloads.
  - Completion of thorough assessments to screen out intakes.