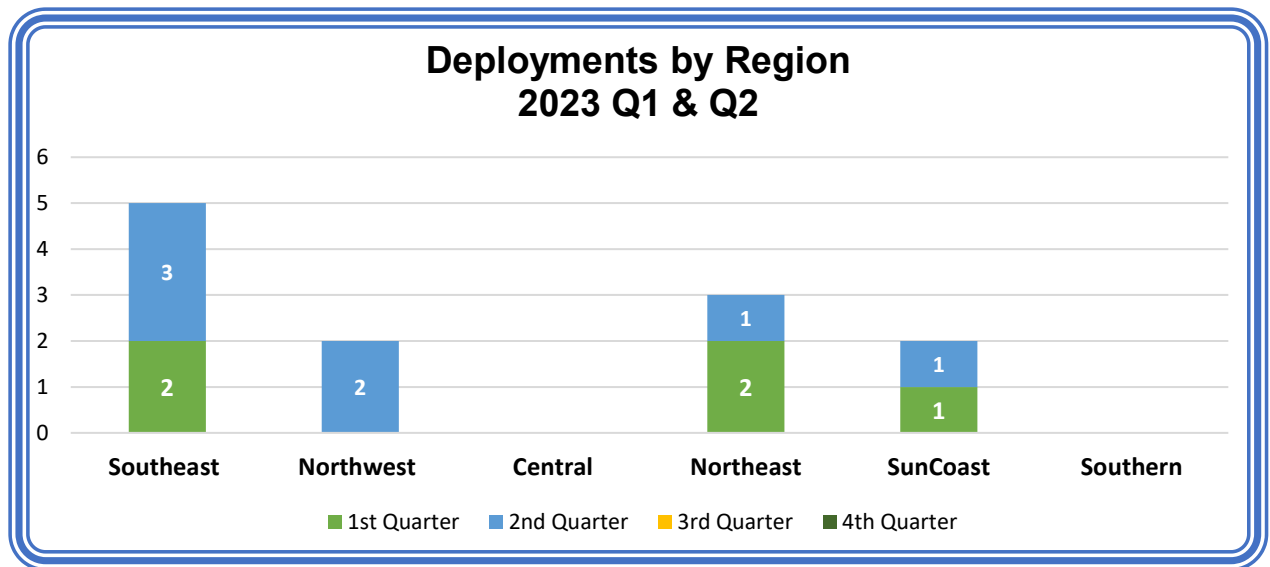
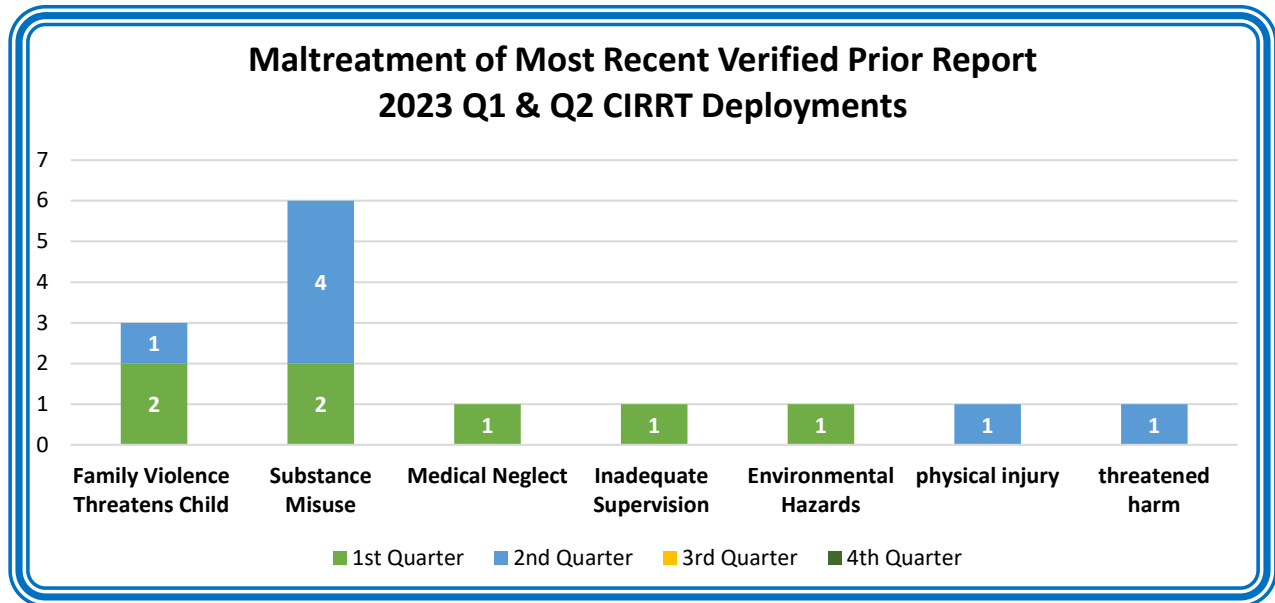


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Critical Incident Rapid Response Team  
Advisory Committee Report Overview  
2023-Quarter 2**

Between April 1, 2023, and June 30, 2023, there were 125 fatalities reported to the Hotline. Of those 125 cases, 7 met the criteria for a CIRRT deployment. Of the seven deployments conducted, in all of the reviews the deceased child had a prior history of involvement with the Department of Children and Families (Department), 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, physical injury, and threatened harm.





#### Summary of Deployments

- The deployment to Broward County was a gun-related death involving a 2-year-old after she discovered a gun in the couch cushions while in the care of her uncle. This occurred during an open out-of-home judicial case which stemmed from a prior report regarding parental substance use and environmental hazards.
- The deployment to Broward County involved the death of 5-month-old after he was found unresponsive while sleeping with his mother. The mother fell asleep with him on her chest after a nighttime feeding.
- The deployment to Escambia County involved the death of a 2-month-old while placed in a licensed foster home. The foster mother was holding the infant while sitting in a recliner and inadvertently fell asleep. She woke approximately 1 ½ hours later to discover the infant unresponsive and not breathing.
- The deployment to Hillsborough County involved the death of 13-year-old that occurred while he was a patient at a residential psychiatric facility.
- The deployment to St. Johns County involved the drowning death of an 11-month-old. The toddler was found unresponsive in the bathtub where she and her 3-year-old sibling were being bathed by their mother. The mother took her out of the bathtub first and dried her, then retrieved the sibling. While the mother was tending to sibling, the toddler reportedly managed to get back into the bathtub where she was subsequently found.
- The deployment to St. Lucie County involved the death of a 14-year-old after she was hospitalized due to having received significant and severe head injuries while she was with her friends.
- The deployment to Okaloosa County involved the death of a 1 ½ -year-old after he was hospitalized with severe injuries he received while in the care of his mother's boyfriend.

## Overall Findings

- In the majority of the 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.