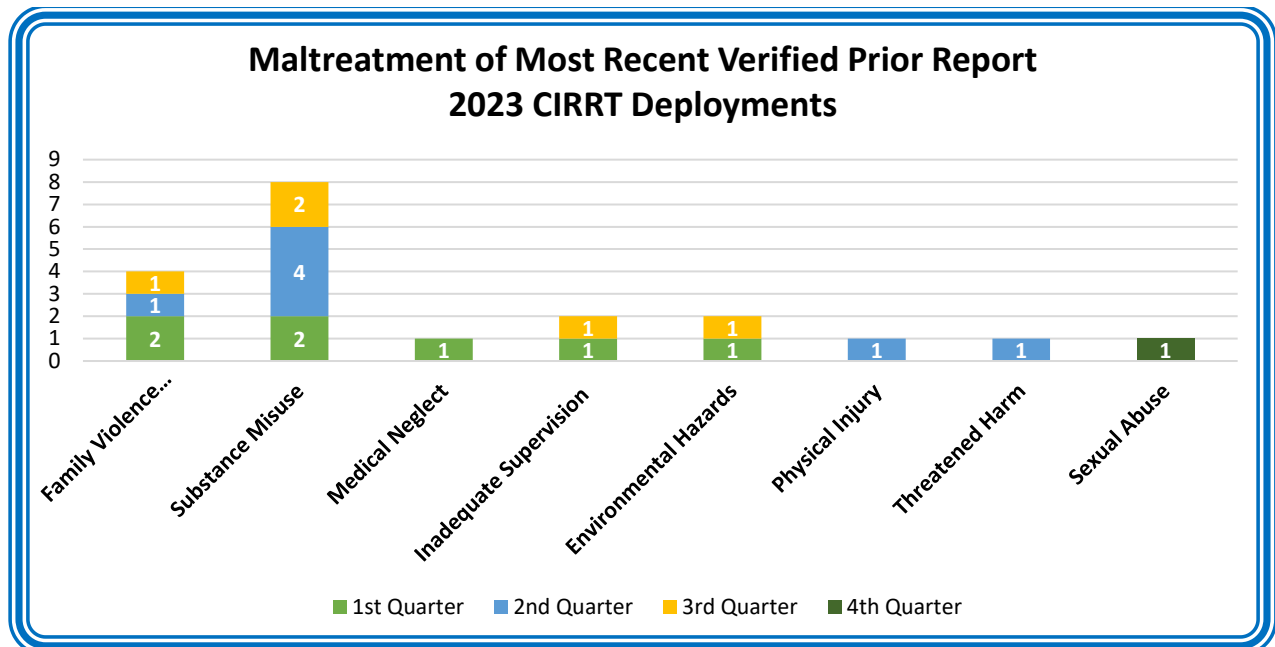
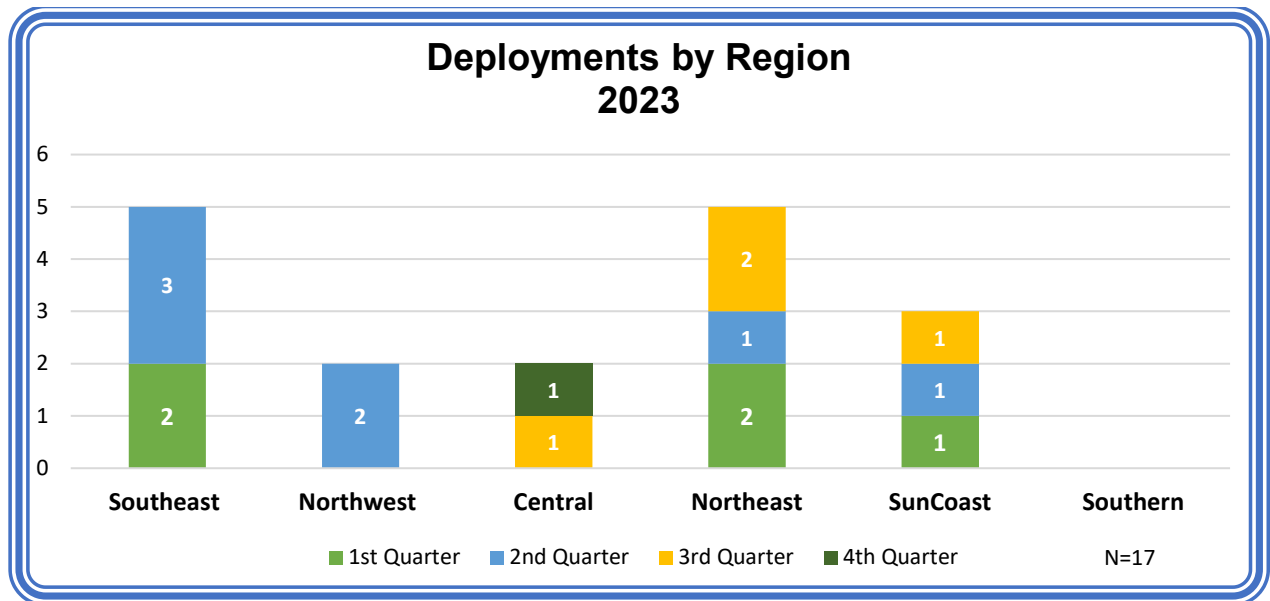


**Florida Department of Children and Families
Critical Incident Rapid Response Team
Advisory Committee Report Overview
2023-Quarter 4**

Between October 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023, there were 95 fatalities reported to the Florida Abuse Hotline (Hotline). Of those 95 fatalities, one (Sumter County) met the criteria for a CIRRT deployment. The CIRRT deployment to Sumter County determined the deceased child was not involved in prior reports of abuse or neglect and the family was not involved in open or prior case management services. However, a prior verified maltreatment was identified (sexual abuse of older siblings by a relative).



Summary of Deployments

- The Sumter County deployment involved the sleep related death of a 9-month-old after he was found unresponsive while bed-sharing with his mother. At the time of the incident, the surviving twin sibling was sleeping in a bassinet.

Overall Findings

- Regarding the prior verified maltreatment (sexual abuse of older siblings by a relative), 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.
 - The case documentation and family functioning assessment clearly outlined how the children were safe in the relative's care.
 - The relationship with local law enforcement was instrumental in the proper safety determination and demonstrated excellent partnership with child protective investigation staff.
 - The Hotline appropriately screened-out a report at the decedent's birth.