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STATE OF TENNESSEE SAFE BABY COURT ANNUAL REPORT—2023

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VISION STATEMENT

To achieve lasting safety, permanency, and well-being for Tennessee's infants, toddlers, and families through a collaborative team approach.

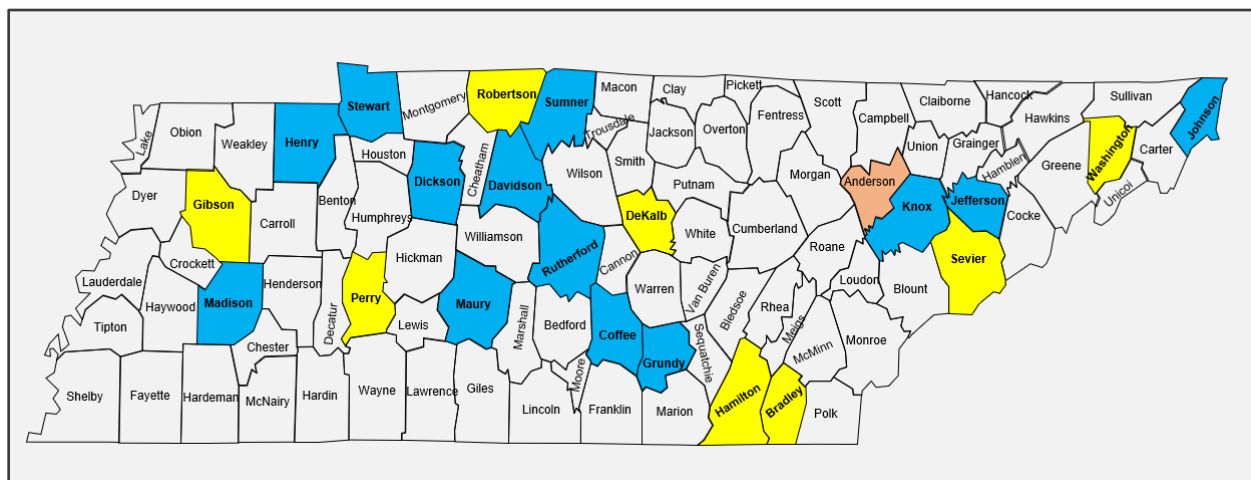
HISTORY AND PURPOSE OF SAFE BABY COURTS IN TENNESSEE

Tennessee's Safe Baby Court (SBC) program began in 2017 pursuant to legislation passed by the Tennessee General Assembly in 2016. *See* Tenn. Code Ann. § 37-1-901 *et seq.* The legislation's intent was to address critical needs for Tennessee's youngest and most vulnerable children and their families. The result was an innovative, problem-solving response to Tennessee's critical needs for child and family programs. Tennessee SBCs seek to reduce the incidence of child abuse, neglect, and endangerment; to minimize the effects of childhood trauma on our youngest children; and to provide stability and a pathway to permanency to parents and families.

Tennessee SBCs use a collaborative, multi-disciplinary approach to dependency and neglect cases with the needs of the youngest children (ages zero through three and their siblings) as the touchstone for decisions in the case. Anchored by the juvenile court judge or magistrate, each jurisdiction has a coordinator whose responsibility is to integrate and coordinate system responses to each participating family. The team addresses barriers to permanency, along with any other needs a child and a caregiver might have. Special focus is placed on the mental health of a child who has either been placed in DCS custody or is at risk of being placed into DCS custody.

The Tennessee SBC program is administered by three partner agencies, namely, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), the Department of Children's Services (DCS), and the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS). The legislature has empowered these agencies to work together toward the common goal of serving Tennessee's youngest citizens by providing centralized administrative support and leadership to the 13 established Tennessee SBC sites. DCS is statutorily charged with administering the program and reporting to the Tennessee General Assembly; the AOC is charged with SBC site selection; and DMHSAS is charged with working collaboratively with the other agencies to provide expertise in addressing mental health and substance use disorder issues.

SAFE BABY COURT SITES IN TENNESSEE



As of December 31, 2023, there are thirteen (13) fully operationalized SBC sites statewide. Eight (8) new sites have been identified for implementation and will be operationalized in 2024. Anderson County ended operation in June 2023, but a replacement site will also be identified and operationalized in 2024.

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Best Practice Standards

As noted in prior reports, the SBC Statewide Leadership Team, with support from ZERO TO THREE¹, drafted the Tennessee Safe Baby Courts Best Practice Standards (“BPS”) in 2020. Since then, training on the BPS and incorporation of the BPS into each jurisdiction’s work has been an ongoing focus of the SBC Statewide Leadership Team. In 2023, the SBC Statewide Leadership Team conducted 3 BPS trainings, attracting a total of 90 participants. Audiences included judges/magistrates, SBC Coordinators, attorneys, DCS staff, service providers, and other key stakeholders.

Quality Legal Representation

In 2023, the AOC was awarded a non-recurring appropriation to provide continuing legal education (CLE) for attorneys providing representation to individuals in SBC. 117 attorneys participated in the Safe Baby Court Attorney Engagement Training

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presented in August, in partnership with the American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law, ZERO TO THREE, and the SBC Statewide Leadership team. Participating attorneys received CLE and, if eligible, a monetary stipend for attendance. Creation of a community of practice for SBC attorneys is in process, as well as development of additional CLE opportunities in 2024.

Vanderbilt Center of Excellence (VCOE)

VCOE continued to provide Tennessee SBCs support in 2023 through training, expert consultation, and assessment-informed planning for SBC families.

VCOE built on training provided in 2022 by developing and presenting a training series entitled, “Applying Infant Mental Health in Child Welfare Practice.” This series focused on the application of Infant Mental Health concepts in SBC teams. Topics included building and maintaining relationships among SBC teams, discussing hard topics with families and young children, understanding neglect, an overview of assessments utilized in infant mental health, maximizing visitation and family time, and other pertinent topics related to infant mental health in child welfare. A total of 291 participants attended the trainings, including magistrates and other court staff, DCS staff, CASA, mental health professionals, and community partners. Participant surveys gave high satisfaction ratings, and their feedback highlighted the helpfulness of learning about infant mental health and practical ways to apply this knowledge to their day-to-day practice in SBC teams.

To support the development of clinicians who may provide services to SBC families in Tennessee, VCOE also delivered two days of training to TennCare clinicians on the fundamentals of infant mental health and relationship-based assessment.

In addition to these collaborative trainings, VCOE provided ongoing support in the use of the Toddler, Infant Needs and Strengths (TINS) assessment in SBC cases. The TINS is a specialized assessment that identifies the needs and strengths of children under 4 and their caregivers to help guide service planning and provide a family-centered approach to case planning. The TINS assessment is built into the Vanderbilt REDCap secure web-based application. To date, there are 435 caregivers and 300 children represented in the database.

VCOE’s 6 master’s prepared clinicians and 2 supervisors provided training, technical assistance for TINS completion, case consultation, and support for both DCS staff

and SBC teams statewide. VCOE conducted certification trainings for DCS staff responsible for completing the TINS assessment in SBC cases, certifying a total of 65 staff in 2023.

VCOE consultants attended SBC stakeholder meetings, produced a bi-monthly newsletter for statewide distribution to SBC teams, and attended child and family team meetings to discuss the TINS assessment, assist with completing the TINS assessment, and help teams create plans that produce the best outcomes for families.

VCOE also developed an online platform to allow new SBC team members access to previous and future trainings on Infant Mental Health and the TINS. This platform will launch in 2024.

180 HealthPartners/StrongWell

DCS continued its partnership with 180 HealthPartners StrongWell to provide clinical services to families with substance use disorders and mental health needs. While this service is not exclusively for SBC families, it was targeted for the counties that had established SBC sites. Involved families received highly individualized interventions, with an average of 12.1 engagements per family per month. 178 families were served in 2023, representing 384 individuals. The graduation rate of families participating in these services was 62%, which was 40% higher than the national average. 108 adult participants submitted to a substance use disorder follow-up assessment, with 98% of the members reporting a stabilization or reduction in substance use.

Other Highlights

- In August 2023, DCS sponsored 10 DCS SBC staff to attend the national ZERO TO THREE Cross Sites Conference. Cross Sites is the primary national conference designed for judges, attorneys, child welfare professionals, safe baby court coordinators, statewide coordinators, mental health clinicians, and other leaders associated with infant-toddler courts and courts implementing the Safe Babies approach. Participants were provided the opportunity to learn innovative practices from and create connections with other states with infant-toddler/Safe Baby Court sites.

- DCS partnered with AIMHiTN (Association of Infant Mental Health in Tennessee) for several projects that support SBCs through delivery of training and consultation on infant mental health issues. The partnership included opportunities for DCS and other child-welfare involved professionals to obtain an infant mental health endorsement and to participate in reflective practice.
- The Tennessee Department of Health provided specialized training sessions for DCS staff and SBC team members on evidence-based home visiting programs available across the state.

JUDICIAL PERSPECTIVES

"Another year's experience with Safe Baby Court has proven its promise. Cases just simply move faster to a final judicial result using the SBC model. SBC cases require an extraordinary effort from ALL participants, particularly the parents. It becomes evident fairly quickly which parents are serious about addressing the issues that lead to state involvement. This is not always the case in a normal dependency and neglect case. For those parents that are committed, and, more importantly, their children, the SBC process is worthwhile."

***-Judge Andy Brigham,
Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (TCJFCJ) President
Stewart County Juvenile Court***

"2023 was my first full calendar year as magistrate for Safe Babies Court. A number of cases were moved to completion, either through return to parent, relative placement, or adoption. I enjoy the work, and feel more than ever that it is of benefit to the families of Davidson County. What I wish most of all is that resources could be found to approach every instance of alleged dependency and neglect in our state with the kind of services that Safe Babies Court can offer. I believe it would make a real difference in identifying and obtaining a path to permanency for Tennessee's children in or at risk of foster care."

***-Magistrate Olen Winningham,
Davidson County Juvenile Court***

"In 2023, the Safe Baby Court for Dickson County had some successes that I don't think otherwise would have happened. In particular, one couple finished Safe Baby Court and have their baby back. This particular couple went from having drug addictions and not having a good handle on parenting to both being employed, sober and really good parents. When the case was closed, they were so appreciative of Safe Baby Court and of the foster parent that was involved. They both agreed and want to talk to people beginning the Safe Baby Court process. It was very moving and is an example of what Safe Baby Court can be. Success stories that WANT to help others in similar circumstances. There are others but that is how we would want to build our program. Success stories helping create more success stories."

***-Judge Jerred Creasy,
Dickson County Juvenile Court***

"Every year, Safe Baby Court continues to amaze me. After having Safe Baby Court as part of our county for 7 years, one might think that it would become mundane, but as time passes, the excitement is there for the next success, just as it was for the 1st success. Success doesn't always look the same in every case; however, helping children achieve permanency through reunification, placement with relative caregivers, or adoption is a success. Watching parents reach goals they never imagined, seeing community partners work together toward a common goal, having families/friends rally around participants in the program and provide the support they need, and knowing children's lives are being transformed from such an early age, makes any barrier or challenge that we encounter in Safe Baby Court worth it. We continue to see real change for children and families through this process.

I'm thankful to those in our government who make it possible for Safe Baby Court to expand across our great state. We know that it has worked in our rural county, and we are excited to see the changes it brings for other areas."

***-Judge Trey Anderson,
Grundy County Juvenile Court***

"In 2023, Henry County Safe Baby Court had the following selected highlights. We closed three cases with reunification; created an in-office diaper station stocked with various diaper sizes for walk-in needs; and obtained two climate-controlled storage buildings stocked with furniture, appliances, and baby items that can be accessed 24/7. We serviced the largest number of children to date with a high of 12 at one time. We began developing a plan to provide casseroles for foster families on court days and provided box lunches for [SBC team members] on SBC review hearing dates. We increased specific assistance for placement families to supplement what DCS is able to provide. We provided all families with a date planner and a drug lock box. We also provided Christmas gifts for the 6 active families and ended the year with a fun-filled Christmas party in the SBC office, including a visit from the Grinch!"

***-Judge Vicki Snyder,
Henry County Juvenile Court***

In Knox County, "...most of our adoptions occur through parental surrenders after parents and foster families develop strong relationships through participation in Safe Baby Court, enabling the parents to have potential for contact with their child/children post adoption. We are also seeing a marked decrease in future involvement with Safe Baby Court graduates compared to regular cases. I believe the hard work of our team is the credit for this."

***-Magistrate Angela Blevins,
Knox County Juvenile Court***

"Each year I assess programs in our court to determine their effectiveness. This ever-changing world makes some projects obsolete and some more important. It is VERY critical we continue our SBC. With the increase in fentanyl, drug exposed babies, and unmet needs of our most vulnerable children, we need more help now than in past years. How could we adequately save our children without this program that meets our needs and goals? Please continue the funding for our babies."

***-Judge Christy Little,
Madison County Juvenile Court***

"This was our first full year of actively working with families in SBC. We spent a lot of 2022 planning and preparing, but 2023 was a year of actively engaging, problem-solving, and celebrating with families. I'm thankful for the team we have surrounding these families through the program. Not only do we have wonderful DCS case workers, attorneys, guardian ad litem, and a great coordinator, but we also have tremendous support from our community and service providers, which we couldn't be successful without. The participating families have been very appreciative of the help and accountability that the program has given them.

We look forward to making generational changes for the better, with the families we partner with now and going forward."

***-Judge Douglas Chapman,
Maury County Juvenile Court***

"We had a great year at Rutherford County Safe Baby Court and continue to be the only court in Tennessee with a sole focus on prevention. This effort reduces further trauma to children and families by preventing children from entering the foster care system and providing non-custodial wraparound services.

All of our families have successful outcomes in Safe Baby Court with children achieving permanency through reunification with one or both parents or with relatives. Children deserve the opportunity to be with their parents and/or family; parents deserve the opportunity to show that they can step up if given the right supports!

The staff at Rutherford County Safe Baby Court work diligently to ensure that each person in this program has individual supports to fit their needs. Not only do we focus on the obvious needs of substance treatment and mental health care, but parents and children receive services like medical and dental care, developmental and physical therapies, budgeting and life skills, co-parenting skills, etc. – skills desperately needed to sustain healthy and happy homes for children.

This past year, our SBC Certified Peer was able to share her life experiences with not only the families in this program, but with new DCS staff during their new-hire training, with hopes of teaching child welfare staff a new way of supporting families in crisis.

Our Safe Baby Court ensured that all of the children and families had simple joys in life such as fun family outings in the community, Thanksgiving meals, and Christmas gifts. This is done with the support of our community partners who have stepped up and donated furniture, clothing, food, etc.

Another great partner of our Safe Baby Court is the criminal court system in our county. The Judges see the progress our parents make and consider that when it's time for sentencing.

We are so excited to continue to grow this program in Rutherford County and see what 2024 will bring to the families we serve. This just leaves us to wonder what it would look like if all families in child welfare were supported like Safe Baby Court families?"

***-Judge Travis Lampley,
Rutherford County Juvenile Court***

Sumner County Safe Baby Court has reported seeing "significant improvement in...collaboration since focusing on noncustodial cases" and "significant community support [with a] SBC Coordinator [that] is excellent at identifying and accessing resources."

***-Magistrate Erin Begley,
Sumner County Juvenile Court***

DATA REPORTING AND ANALYSIS

The following section contains data reporting and analysis of the Tennessee Safe Baby Courts.

The first report is a summary of the annual Safe Baby Court program data collected by the AOC through the Quest case management system. The report, titled *SBC Outcome Measures Report 2023*, shows data from each Safe Baby Court jurisdiction, as well as the Safe Baby Court outcome measures. It is based upon information entered by the individual jurisdictions in the Quest case management system as of December 31, 2023, for any SBC case open for at least one day in 2023.

The second report, titled *2023 Legislative Safe Baby Court 0-4 TINS Descriptive Statistics*, shows the top ten actionable items identified for caregivers and for infants on TINS assessments completed in 2023.

SBC Outcome Measures Report 2023

January 30, 2024

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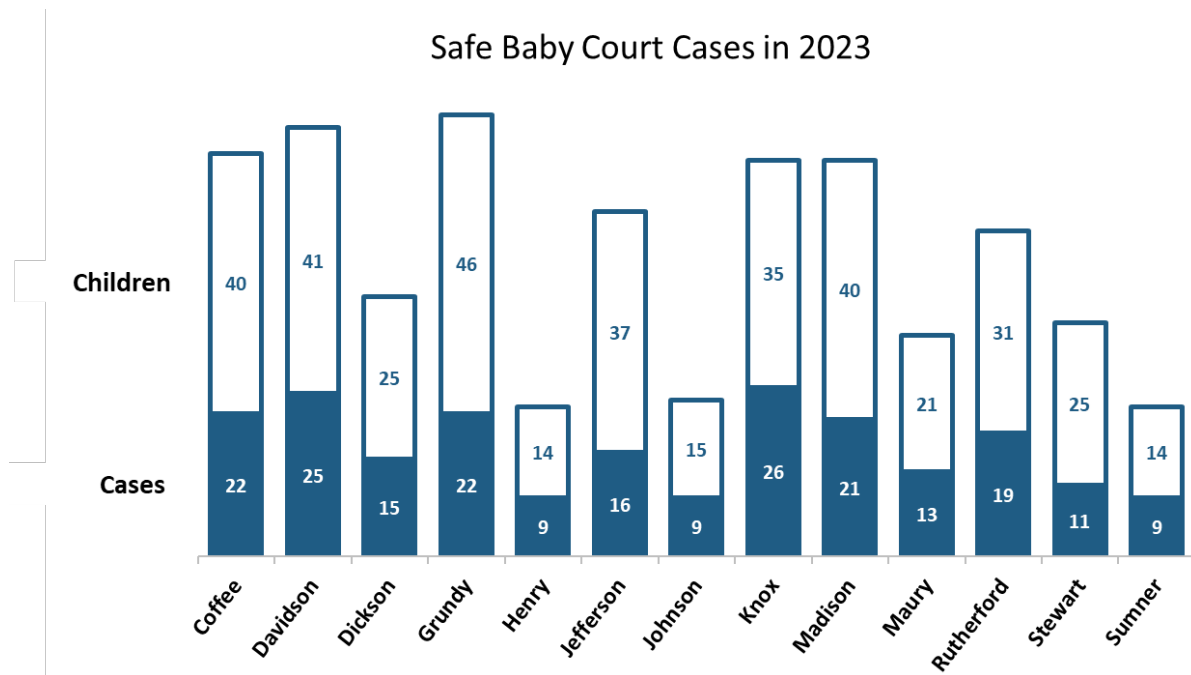
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1 Safe Baby Court Sites

13 Safe Baby Court (SBC) sites are currently operating in juvenile courts across Tennessee. The current SBC sites are Coffee, Davidson, Dickson, Grundy, Henry, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Madison, Maury, Rutherford, Stewart, and Sumner Counties. Anderson County ceased operation as of June 30, 2023, and did not have cases in progress in 2023

The SBCs served a total of **217 cases and 384 children** in 2023. The table below shows the number of cases and children each SBC served.

County	Cases	Children
Coffee	22	40
Davidson	25	41
Dickson	15	25
Grundy	22	46
Henry	9	14
Jefferson	16	37
Johnson	9	15
Knox	26	35
Madison	21	40
Maury	13	21
Rutherford	19	31
Stewart	11	25
Sumner	9	14



2 Length of Stay in SBC Intervention

2.1 Frequency Breakdown of Custodial vs. Non-Custodial Children

Custodial children, for the purpose of this report, are defined as children who spent at least one day in foster care.

SBC Status is defined at a case level; if any children in the case have an ongoing SBC, then each child attached to that case will have an SBC Status of “In Progress” in this section. If all SBC children attached to a case have completed SBC, and some have different statuses/dates, the latest end date’s status will be used.

Case Percentage Breakdown by SBC Status and Custodial Status¹

	Custodial	Non-Custodial
Successfully Completed	55 (29%)	74 (38%)
In Progress	122 (65%)	119 (60%)
Other	10 (5%)	4 (2%)

Note that the “Other” category can consist of instances such as a transfer of jurisdiction, a parent requesting to no longer be a part of SBC, a conflict of interest closing the case, or cases that were unsuccessfully discharged from the program by the judge or magistrate hearing the case.

2.2 Permanency Outcome Breakdown

The breakdown below illustrates the number of completed permanency goals.

Permanency Goal	Count (%)
Reunification	56 (51%)
Relative/Kinship Placement	28 (26%)
Adoption	15 (14%)
Permanent Guardianship	10 (9%)

¹ All percentages in this report are rounded to the nearest whole percent.

2.3 Average Length of Stay in SBC Intervention for Cases Open in 2023

Average Length of Stay (Days) by SBC Status and Custodial Status

Status	Custodial	Non-Custodial
Successfully Completed	585.1	274.0
In Progress	547.6	217.9

The average length of stay for custodial cases that successfully completed SBC is 585 days. The average length of stay for custodial cases with cases still in progress up through January 1st, 2024, is 548 days.

The average length of stay for non-custodial cases that successfully completed SBC is 274 days. The average length of stay for non-custodial cases with cases still in progress up through January 1st, 2024, is 218 days.

3 Families and Children Participating in SBC

3.1 Breakdowns of Children Served by Race and Ethnicity

The tables below illustrate the breakdown of children served by race and ethnicity, and also by county, of the total of 384 children.

3.1.1 Children served by race and ethnicity

Race and Ethnicity	
	Count(%) of SBC Children
White	251 (65%)
Black/African American	63 (16%)
Two or More Races	53 (14%)
Hispanic	17 (4%)

3.1.2 Children served by race, ethnicity, and county

Race and Ethnicity by County

	White	Black/African American	Two or More Races	Hispanic
Coffee	31	3	5	1
Davidson	6	21	9	5
Dickson	15	0	6	4
Grundy	46	0	0	0
Henry	7	4	2	1
Jefferson	35	0	2	0
Johnson	15	0	0	0
Knox	16	7	11	1
Madison	15	17	8	0
Maury	12	6	3	0
Rutherford	19	5	6	1
Stewart	20	0	1	4
Sumner	14	0	0	0

3.2 Type of Living Arrangement

3.2.1 Number and percentage of children currently in foster care and non-custodial placements

The following table shows the total and percentage for each type of living arrangement for the 384 children. This represents the *current placement* or the placement when the SBC case was closed. There were a total of **134 children in foster care placements and 250 children in non-custodial placements**. Of the children in foster care, 27 children resided with a relative.

Living Arrangement

	Count (%)
Relative (Non-Custodial)	142 (37%)
Non-Relative (Foster Care)	105 (27%)
Birth Parent	76 (20%)
Relative (Foster Care)	27 (7%)
Non-Relative (Non-Custodial)	16 (4%)
Birth Parent with Supv by Relative	14 (4%)
Foster Care (Res Treatment Facility)	2 (1%)
Birth Parent with Supv by Non-Relative	1 (0%)
Hospital	1 (0%)

3.2.2 Number of placements by race and ethnicity

Of the 384 children with identified foster care or non-custodial placements, **249 child(ren) were placed once**, 55 child(ren) had two placements, 12 child(ren) had three placements, 2 child(ren) had four placements, 1 child(ren) had five placements, and 9 child(ren) had six placements during SBC.

Placements by Race and Ethnicity

	1	2	3	4	5	6
White	162	33	6	1	0	5
Black/African American	43	6	1	1	0	4
Two or More Races	32	13	3	0	1	0
Hispanic	12	3	2	0	0	0

3.3 Length of Time in Foster Care

This section reflects the total amount of time that SBC children spent in foster care, rather than the amount of time that the children were in the SBC intervention.

3.3.1 Number of children in foster care less than 6 months, 7-12 months, 13-18 months, and 19 months or longer

Of the 188 children who were in foster care *at some point* during SBC, 54 children were in foster care 0 - 6 months, 29 were in foster care 7 - 12 months, 42 were in foster care 13 - 18 months, and 63 were in foster care 19 months or longer. The following table shows the race and ethnicity of children in foster care based on the length of time in foster care.

3.3.1.1 Breakdown of Foster Care Time by Race and Ethnicity

Race by Length of Time in Foster Care

	0 - 6 months	7 - 12 months	13 - 18 months	19 months or longer
White	33 (61%)	16 (55%)	27 (64%)	47 (75%)
Black/African American	7 (13%)	5 (17%)	6 (14%)	8 (13%)
Two or More Races	13 (24%)	6 (21%)	2 (5%)	8 (13%)
Hispanic	1 (2%)	2 (7%)	7 (17%)	0 (0%)

3.4 Family Participation in Child and Family Team Meetings (CFTMs)

3.4.1 Number and percentage of CFTMs with a birth parent present

1664 Total CFTMs for Cases Open in 2023

Present	Both Parents	Mother Present	Father Present
Yes	475 (29%)	1252 (75%)	523 (31%)
No	1189 (71%)	412 (25%)	1141 (69%)

In the table above, 1664 total CFTM's were broken down into whether or not parents were present at the meetings. All columns sum to 1664. For example, out of the 1664 CFTM meetings, in 523 (31%) of them, the father was present, and in 1141 (69%) of them, that was not the case.

The denominator for the percentages displayed above was the total number of CFTM's, 1664.

Out of 458 parents who participated in SBC in 2023, 3 parents were marked in the system as deceased. The whereabouts of 24 parents were identified as "unknown" in the system.

Out of the CFTMs where the mother or father were not present (412 and 1141 respectively), the parent being in treatment or incarcerated accounted for the following number of CFTMs missed:

Number and Percentage of CFTMs Missed in Which a Birth Parent Was in Treatment or Incarcerated

Father in Treatment	Mother in Treatment	Father Incarcerated	Mother Incarcerated
22 (2%)	47 (11%)	67 (6%)	41 (10%)

3.5 Family Participation in Court Hearings

3.5.1 Number and percentage of court hearings with a birth parent present

1903 Total Disposed Court Hearings for Cases Open in 2023

Present	Both Parents	Mother Present	Father Present
Yes	650 (34%)	1346 (71%)	710 (37%)
No	1253 (66%)	557 (29%)	1193 (63%)

These numbers and percentages were calculated in a similar manner to the CFTM table and chart above. The denominator for the percentages is the total number of court hearings, 1903.

Out of 458 parents who participated in SBC in 2023, 3 parents were marked in the system as deceased. The whereabouts of 24 parents were identified as “unknown” in the system.

Out of the hearings where the mother or father were not present (557 and 1193 respectively), the parent being in treatment or incarcerated accounted for the following number of court hearings missed:

Number and Percentage of Court Hearings Missed in Which a Birth Parent Was in Treatment or Incarcerated

Father in Treatment	Mother in Treatment	Father Incarcerated	Mother Incarcerated
20 (2%)	50 (9%)	115 (10%)	46 (8%)

3.6 Family Participation in Treatment Services

3.6.1 Number and percentage of families who participated in one or more services

A total of 217 families participated in SBC. Of these families, **189 (87%) participated in 2319 services**. Of these services that were provided, 1320 (57%) were successfully completed, 344 (15%) were not completed, 48 (2%) have a status listed as “Other”, and 607 (26%) are in progress.

Top 5 Services Provided to Families

A&D Assessment	388
A&D Outpatient Treatment	250
Mental Health Assessment	229
A&D Inpatient Treatment	186
Parenting Classes	162

3.7 Visitation Plan Completion

3.7.1 Number of visits per case, averaged monthly

On average, SBC families had **10.6 visit(s) per month**.

4 Supportive Processes for Families

4.1 Occurrence of Court Hearings

4.1.1 Number of completed court hearings per case

Out of 217 cases in Safe Baby Court, 212 had completed court hearings. These cases had 1903 hearings for an average of **0.77 hearing(s) per month**.

4.2 Occurrence of Child and Family Team Meetings (CFTMs)

4.2.1 Number of completed CFTMs per case

Out of 217 cases in Safe Baby Court, 192 had CFTMs. These cases had 1664 CFTMs for an average of **0.72 CFTM(s) per month**.

4.3 TEIS Referrals and Evaluations

4.3.1 Number of children with *TEIS referrals*

Out of the 257 children in SBC who were under the age of three when their SBC case began, **184 children received TEIS referrals**. Of the TEIS referrals that occurred, 142 (77%) followed timeliness guidelines.

4.3.2 Number of children with *TEIS evaluations*

Of the 257 children in SBC who were under the age of three when their SBC case began, **144 children received TEIS evaluations**. 10 children were referred to TEIS, but did not require screenings. Of the TEIS evaluations that occurred, 126 (88%) followed timeliness guidelines.

4.4 Early Intervention Services for Children

4.4.1 Children with early intervention services

A total of 384 children participated in SBC. Of these children, **284 (74%) children participated in 762 services**. Of these services that were provided, 480 (63%) were successfully completed, 30 (4%) were not completed, 18 (2%) services ended for other reasons, and 234 (31%) are in progress.

5 Supports to the System

5.1 Occurrence of SBC Stakeholder Meetings

Out of the 13 SBC counties, 11 counties conducted a total of **37 stakeholder meetings** in 2023.

5.1.1 Number of SBC Stakeholder Meetings in 2023

Stakeholder Meetings by County

County	Number of Stakeholder Meetings in 2023
Coffee	7
Davidson	3
Dickson	4
Grundy	4
Johnson	4
Knox	4
Madison	4
Maury	4
Rutherford	1
Stewart	1
Sumner	1

5.2 Stakeholders Represented at SBC Stakeholder Meetings

The following stakeholders were represented at SBC Stakeholder Meetings:

AOC Staff, Banking Agency, CASA, Child Care Provider, DCS Legal, DCS Staff (Other than Legal), DHS Staff, Domestic Violence Service Provider, Early Head Start, Early Intervention Specialist, Faith-Based Group / Church, Foster Parent Association Member, Health Dept, Higher Education Personnel, Home Visiting Provider, Housing Authority, Infant Mental Health Specialist, Judge, Juvenile Court Staff, Law Enforcement, Local Government Agency, Magistrate, Mental Health Professional, Other Child and Family Advocate, Parenting Education Provider, Primary Health Care Provider, School Personnel, State and/or Local Legislator, Substance Abuse Provider, TCCY Staff, TDMHSAS Staff, Various GALs, Various Parent Attorneys, Visitation Provider, and Volunteer Community Leaders.

2024 Legislative Safe Baby Court 0-4 TINS Descriptive Statistics

*Prepared for the Department of Children's Services
by the Vanderbilt University Center of Excellence for Children in State Custody*

29 January, 2024

1 Distribution of Ratings of Top Ten Actionable Items For Caregiver and Toddler/Infant Domains

- “Percentage of Assessments” column below refers to the number of assessments with the actionable item in the row over total number of assessments

Top ten actionable items in the caregiver domain:

	Items	Count	Percentage.of.Assessments
1	Substance Use	84	64.12%
2	Mental Health	60	45.8%
3	Residential Stability	51	38.93%
4	Involvement in Caregiving Functions	48	36.64%
5	Safety	47	35.88%
6	Knowledge	46	35.11%
7	Supervision	44	33.59%
8	Adjustment to Trauma	42	32.06%
9	Organization	39	29.77%
10	Social Resources	28	21.37%

Top ten actionable items in the toddler/infant domains:

	Items	Count	Percentage.of.Assessments
1	Neglect	111	79.86%
2	Substance Exposure	105	75.54%
3	Parental Availability	66	47.48%
4	Family Functioning	62	44.6%
5	Medical / Physical	55	39.57%
6	Parent/Sibling Problems	46	33.09%
7	Prenatal Care	40	28.78%
8	Medical Trauma	38	27.34%
9	Developmental / Intellectual	35	25.18%
10	Witness to Family/Comm/ School Violence	34	24.46%

2 Computing Environment

To maintain high standards and reproducible research, we provide the computing environment under which all analyses were conducted. These analyses were done using the following version of R, the operating system, and add-on packages and others:

- R version 4.3.1 (2023-06-16 ucrt), Windows, 10 x64, x86-64
- Base packages: stats, graphics, grDevices, utils, datasets, methods, base
- Other packages: dplyr 1.1.2, redcapAPI 2.7.1, RColorBrewer 1.1-3, xtable 1.8-4, reshape2 1.4.4, knitr 1.43, Hmisc 5.1-0
- Loaded packages via the namespace but not attached: utf8 1.2.3, generics 0.1.3, stringi 1.7.12, digest 0.6.32, magrittr 2.0.3, evaluate 0.21, grid 4.3.1, fastmap 1.1.1, plyr 1.8.8, nnet 7.3-19, backports 1.4.1, Formula 1.2-5, gridExtra 2.3, httr 1.4.6, fansi 1.0.4, scales 1.2.1, cli 3.6.1, rlang 1.1.1, munsell 0.5.0, base64enc 0.1-3, yaml 2.3.7, tools 4.3.1, checkmate 2.2.0, htmlTable 2.4.1, colorspace 2.1-0, ggplot2 3.4.2, curl 5.0.1, assertthat 0.2.1, vctrs 0.6.3, R6 2.5.1, rpart 4.1.19, lifecycle 1.0.3, stringr 1.5.0, htmlwidgets 1.6.2, foreign 0.8-84, cluster 2.1.4, pkgconfig 2.0.3, pillar 1.9.0, gtable 0.3.3, glue 1.6.2, data.table 1.14.8, Rcpp 1.0.11, xfun 0.39, tibble 3.2.1, tidyselect 1.2.0, keyring 1.3.1, rstudioapi 0.15.0, htmltools 0.5.5, rmarkdown 2.23, compiler 4.3.1, getPass 0.2-2, labelVector 0.1.2, chron 2.3-61