

# OPIOID EPIDEMIC

## and its Impact on Children

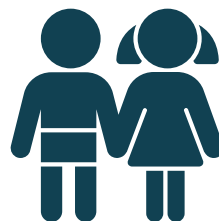
### Statewide Data



According to the CDC **73** out of every **100** Floridians has a painkiller prescription



In **2016** more than **4,200** Florida babies were born addicted to drugs



During the **2016-2017** state fiscal year there were over **7,700** child removals due to parental drug abuse being present

### Policy Considerations

As the Florida Children's Council and its communities work to mitigate the opioid epidemic. It supports the following policy recommendations:

#### Prenatal Care

- Support increased access to prenatal care
- Ensure adequate counseling and community resources are available to expecting mothers
- Support home visiting and follow up resource availability to new mothers

#### Child Welfare

- Increase access to substance abuse counseling for parents and counseling for children
- Integrate family support into Plans of Safe Care
- Ensure adequate funding to expand treatment capacity, increased caseloads, and enhance clinical skills
- Support the expansion of Early Childhood Court

