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SPECIALIZED DSS FJC TEAM:

ENHANCING OUR RESPONSE TO VULNERABLE
CHILDREN AND ADULTS

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PROBLEM



PROBLEM 1

Complexity of child abuse and elder abuse cases involving multi-agency response has exploded due to COVID

PROBLEM 2

DSS investigators caseloads are 120% over the state average- impacting staff turnover and the ability to collaborate

PROBLEM 3

Only one CPS worker at both FJCs and one APS worker split between sites- limits partnership ability

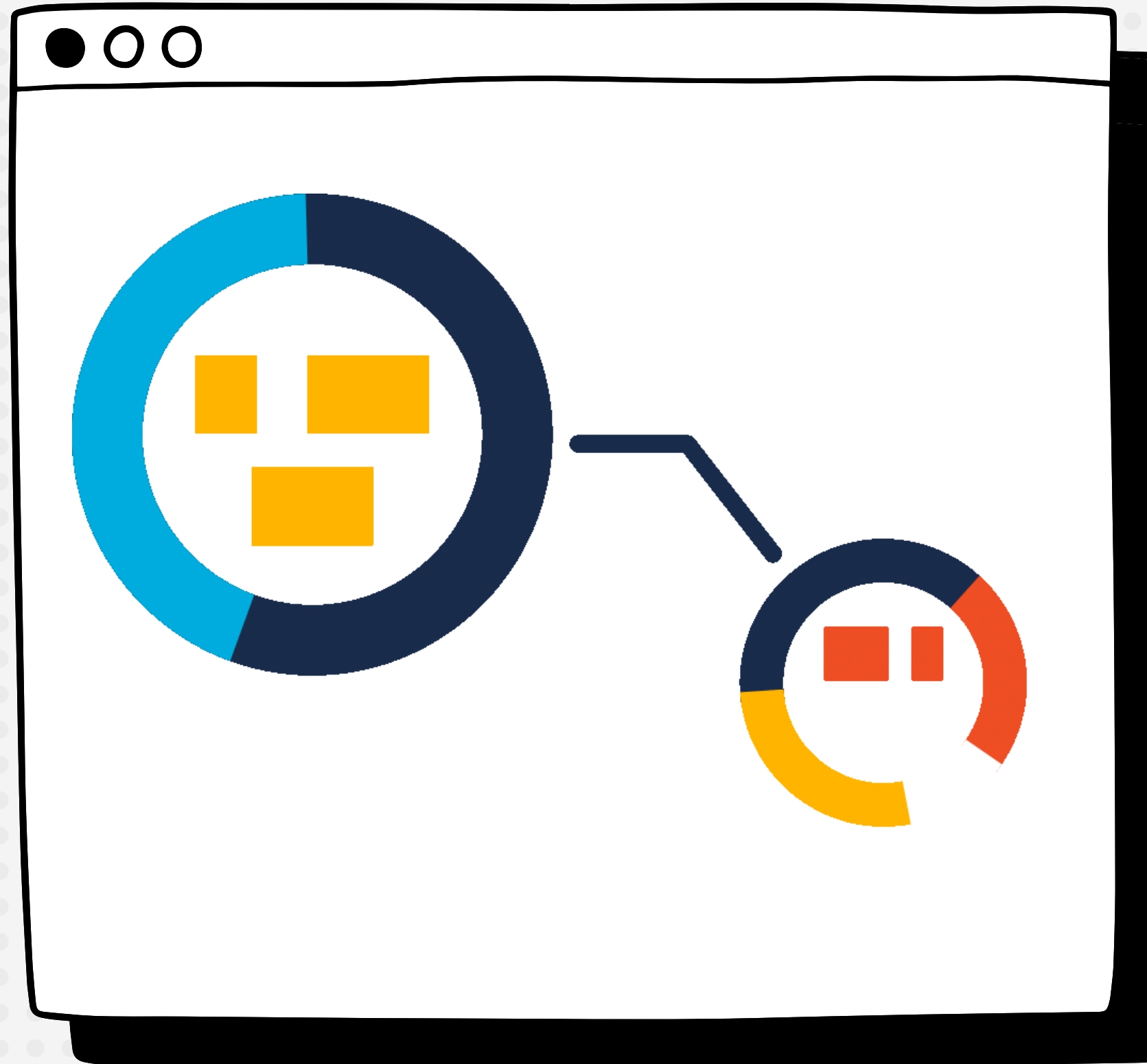


DSS STATS

From 2019-2022:

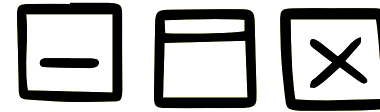
21% increase in child abuse reports
30% increase in cases accepted

11% increase in elder abuse reports
24% increase in cases accepted





FJC PARTNERS FOR COLLECTIVE IMPACT



Partner Agencies with Teams and Supervisors at the FJC

Guilford County Family Justice Center

Guilford County Sheriff's Office

Greensboro Police Department

High Point Police Department

Family Services of the Piedmont:

Child Advocacy Center

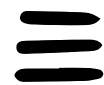
Adult Victim Advocacy

Cone Health's Child Medical Exam Clinic

Elon Law Emergency Legal Services Program

Children's Law Center of Central North Carolina





IMPACT GOAL 1

Reduce duplicative referrals and create efficiencies in response to the most severe cases of abuse



IMPACT GOAL 2

Increase the number of joint investigations with FJC partners, which increases victim safety and offender accountability



IMPACT GOAL 3

Reduce DSS staff turnover and burnout



SOLUTION

Specialty DSS teams
at both FJC locations



SPECIALITY TEAM OVERVIEW

Innovative approach to
DSS investigations and
response in the FJC
partnership

8 Speciality Positions

Supervisor (1)

Dual CPS/APS Investigators (5)
Social Worker III- Administrative
and Intake Support (2)



HP

2 Investigators
1 Admin Support

GSO

3 Investigators
1 Admin Support

Supervisor supports both locations

CONCLUSION & QUESTIONS

