## HUMAN SERVICE NEEDS IN ALBEMARLE

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# **Key Take-Aways**

Reminder that there are pockets in the county where families and individuals struggle with making ends meet on a daily/monthly basis

Appreciation for the challenges created by serving individuals with limited English proficiency

Heightened awareness of the prevalence of victimization for the two most vulnerable populations in our county: children and elderly and/or disabled adults. This victimization transcends socioeconomic and geographical boundaries.

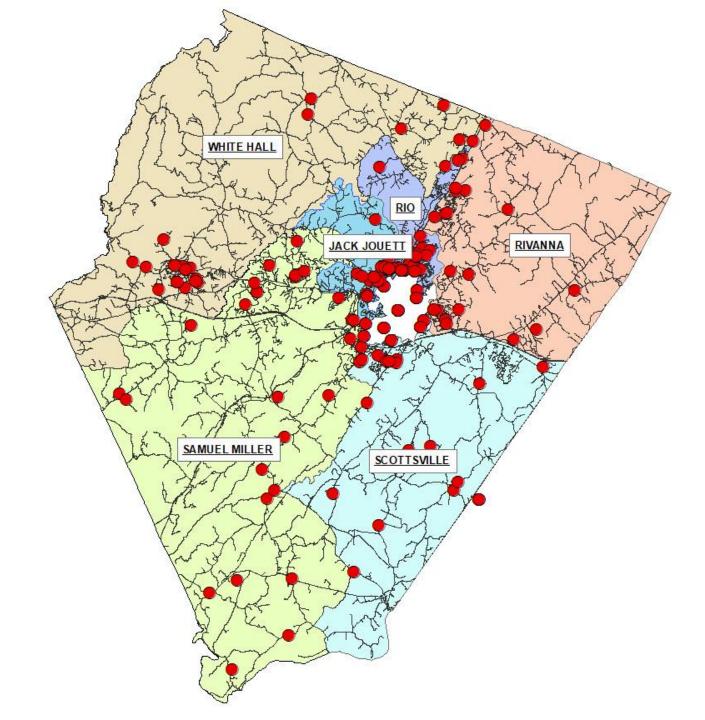


## **APS Investigations**

- In FY15, 21% of the allegations of adult abuse or neglect cited financial exploitation as the reason for referral.
- In FY16, 38.5% were allegations of financial exploitation.
- In FY17, 25.2% were allegations of financial exploitation.
- These numbers do not reflect those investigations for which financial exploitation was not cited at the time of referral but was uncovered in the course of the investigation.



#### **FY17 APS Investigations**

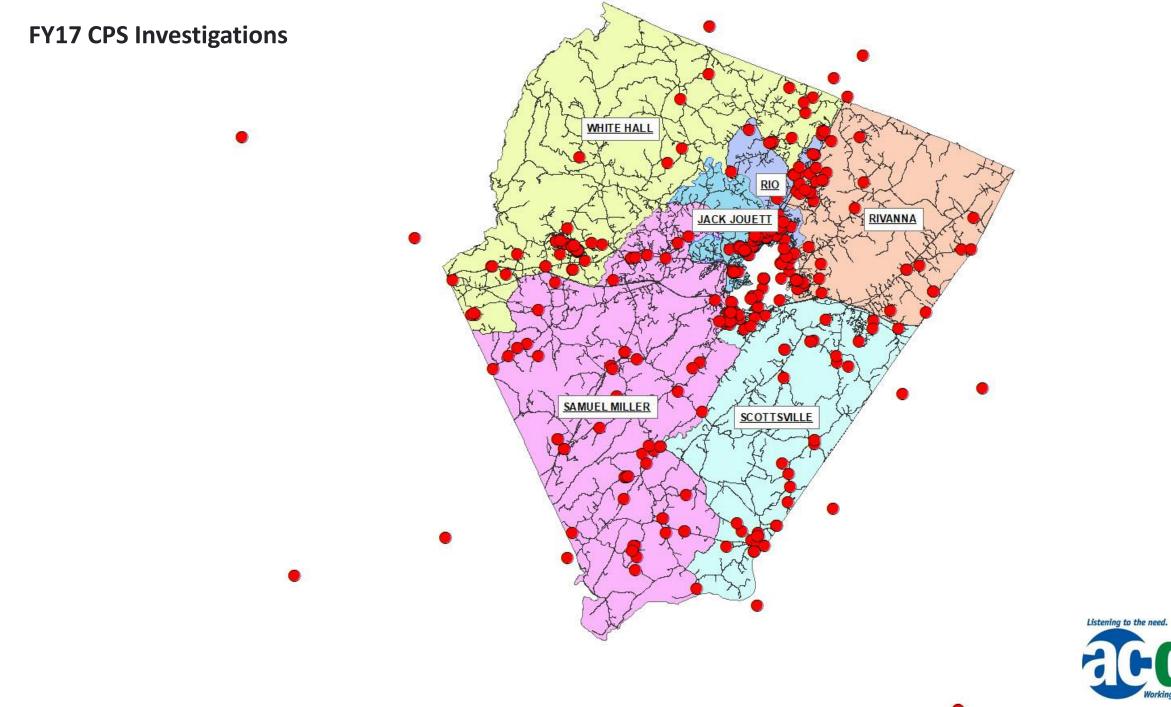




# **CPS Investigations**

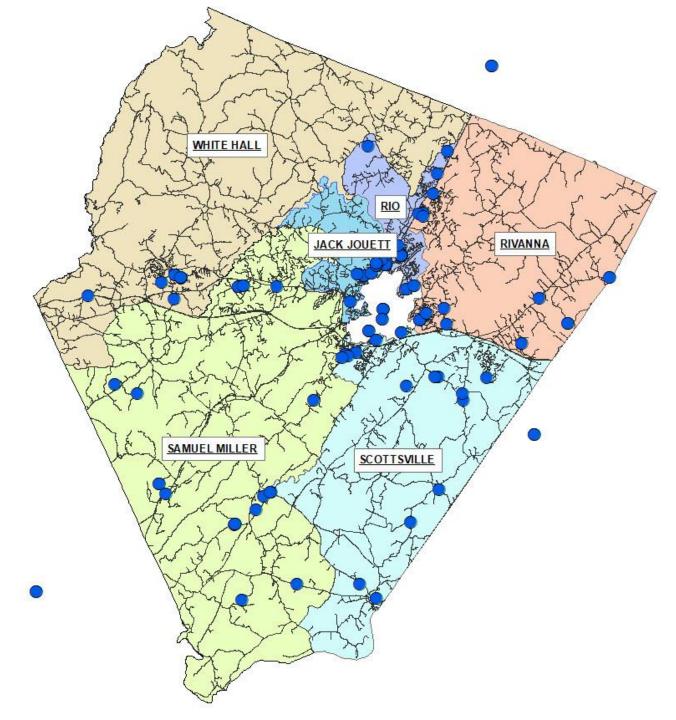
- DSS is mandated to investigate all valid referrals of child abuse/neglect
- In FY15 workers investigated 307 allegations of child abuse or neglect
  - 75 of these allegations included reports of substance abuse (24.4%)
- In FY16 workers investigated 317 allegations of child abuse or neglect
  - 70 of these allegations included reports of substance abuse (22.1%)
- In FY17, workers investigated 410 allegations of child abuse or neglect
  - 114 of these allegations included reports of substance abuse (27.8%)
- In FY17, 55 allegations required a response within 24 hours (3 of these "Response Priority 1" allegations involved substance abuse)





**dedss** Working together for solutions.

### FY17 CPS Investigations Substance Abuse alleged





### FY17 CPS Investigations Response Priority 1 (24 hr)

