Texas: FY 2023 Child Fatality and Near Fatality Annual Report

Child Fatality Case Summary As part of this annual report and ongoing program review, the Office of Child Safety conducts in-depth reviews for child fatalities occurring when the child is involved with DFPS in an open stage (Investigations, Family Based Safety Services, or Conservatorship) and death is confirmed to be caused by abuse or neglect.

(#12) Elizabeth was involved in an open Child Protective Investigations (CPI) case at the time of the fatality. The investigation was initiated on September 29, 2022, alleging medical neglect and neglectful supervision. During the investigation, Elizabeth died on February 24, 2023. Elizabeth was found unresponsive while in the care of her parents. Elizabeth died due to drug ingestion.