

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.

(#14) Za'Maia was involved in an open Child Protective Investigations (CPI) case at the time of the fatality. The investigation was initiated on January 20, 2023 due to concerns of physical neglect of Za'Maia. During the investigation, Za'Maia died on March 20, 2023 after being found unresponsive with serious signs of malnutrition. Za'Maia died as a result of malnutrition and dehydration.