## 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.

(#24) Ayden was involved in an open CPS conservatorship (CVS) case at the time of the fatality. Ayden entered foster care on July 1, 2022. On September 2, 2022 Ayden was placed with a relative. Ayden died on March 3, 2023. The fatality investigation was initiated on March 4, 2023 as Ayden had been found unresponsive. Ayden died as a result of blunt force trauma.