

## **Indiana: 2023 Annual Report of Child Abuse & Neglect Fatalities in Indiana**

The Annual Report of Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities in Indiana is the state's official record of child deaths determined by the Indiana Department of Child Services to have been caused by caregiver maltreatment or neglect.

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Victim: 1-year-old girl

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 2

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Family friend

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 1-year-old girl died from head injuries. She lived with her mother and siblings. On the night prior to the incident, the child stayed all night with the mother's friend and the friend's girlfriend. The next day, the mother went to pick up the child, and the mother's friend met the mother at her car and said that her girlfriend was inside doing the child's hair. The mother and her friend waited outside for a while before going into the friend's home. Once inside, the mother immediately noticed that something was wrong with the child and called 911.