

## 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: 7-month-old girl

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: Ongoing CHINS case

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 1

Perpetrators: Father, mother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: Mother, 1; father, 1

Circumstances: A 7-month-old girl died from blunt-force injuries. She lived with her mother, father, sibling, grandmother and aunt. On the day of the fatality, the child and parents were sleeping, and the grandmother checked on the child and found the child unresponsive. At autopsy, the child was found to have fractured ribs, internal lacerations and multiple abrasions. The parents were the sole caretakers of the child when she sustained her injuries but denied knowledge of how the child was injured.