

Indiana: 2022 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.

Victim: 3-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: Father, Mother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: Father, 0; mother, 2

Circumstances: A 3-year-old girl died by drowning due to lack of supervision. She lived with her parents and siblings. On the day of the fatality, the mother reported she had been doing errands in the home and when she checked on the child, she could not find her. The child was later found in a pond near the family's home. Witnesses reported seeing the child outside, unattended, approximately two hours prior to the parents contacting 911. The parents tested positive for methamphetamine and amphetamine.