

## 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.

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Victim: 4-year-old boy

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: Mother, Mother's boyfriend

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: Mother, 1; mother's boyfriend, 0

Circumstances: A 4-year-old boy died from fentanyl and cocaine toxicity. He lived with his mother, siblings and mother's boyfriend. On the morning of the fatality, the mother's boyfriend attempted to wake the child and found him deceased. The family's home was found to be very unsanitary and was later condemned by code enforcement. One of the child's siblings stated that the night prior to the fatality, the child got into the mother and boyfriend's "stuff," which was described as a white powder. The mother tested positive for cocaine and THC, and her boyfriend tested positive for fentanyl and THC. At autopsy, the child's toxicology test was positive for cocaine and fentanyl.