

## 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: 2-month-old boy

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

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Father, Mother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: Father, 0; mother, 1

Circumstances: A 2-month-old boy died from severe malnourishment and intentional starvation. He lived with his parents, siblings and uncle. On the day of the fatality, the mother woke to find the child deceased in his crib. The child was emaciated and pale. The mother stated she sometimes forgot to feed the child. The father could not remember the last time he fed the child. The father admitted he had a conversation with the mother about the child being starved, but they did not seek medical care for the child.