

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: 8-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

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 1

Circumstances: An 8-month-old boy died from fentanyl toxicity. He lived with his parents. On the day of the fatality, the child was in the care of his father while the mother was at work. The father reported the child had been crawling around and he found him holding a piece of foil with a salt-like substance on it. The father stated he put the child down for a nap and, a few hours later, found him unresponsive. On the day of the child's death, the father tested positive for amphetamine, methamphetamine, fentanyl and norfentanyl. The child's toxicology test was positive for naloxone, para-fluorofentanyl and fentanyl.