

Pennsylvania: 2022 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

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Philadelphia

(#11) An 8-month-old female child died on January 13, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect and physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on March 14, 2022, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found unresponsive and emergency services were contacted. The child presented to the hospital emaciated, dehydrated, bruised on the body, and cold to the touch. The child was subsequently pronounced dead, and it was determined the child had been deceased for several hours which caused the child's low temperature. It was determined through the investigation that the mother was the sole caregiver of the child, did not seek appropriate medical care for the child, and caused the injuries sustained by the child. As a result of the safety assessment completed the five other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed in foster care and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family was previously known to child welfare.