

Pennsylvania: 2023 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

1st Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

Adams

(#1) A 9-month-old male child died on December 8, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Adams County Children, Youth and Families indicated the report on February 10, 2023, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was sleeping in the bed with the mother and the father and they awoke to find the child underneath the father and unresponsive. Emergency medical services were contacted, and the child was dead upon their arrival. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the father were under the influence of substances at the time of the incident and co-slept with the child. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the two 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, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.