

## Pennsylvania: 2023 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

#### Chester

(#2) A 4-year-old male child died on November 29, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Chester County Department of Human Services indicated the report on March 7, 2023, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported that the victim child was found unresponsive, and emergency medical services were contacted. The child was transported to the hospital and was pronounced dead upon arrival. A toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that the father was using the illegal substance at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the four other children in the home at the time of the incident remained in the home with the mother and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.