Pennsylvania: 2023 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities 1st Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

<u>Dauphin</u>

(#4) A 1-month-old male child died on December 19, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Dauphin County Social Services for Children and Youth indicated the report on February 17, 2023, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the mother co-slept with victim child and the child was found unresponsive with blood coming out of the mouth and nose. Emergency medical services were contacted, and the child was transported to the hospital. The child subsequently was pronounced dead. It was determined through the investigation that the mother was under the influence of an illegal substance and co-slept with the child. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated the mother had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.