

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

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

#### York

(#8) An 8-month-old male child died on February 7, 2023, as a result of physical abuse. York County Office of Children, Youth, and Families indicated the report on March 6, 2023, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child had difficulty breathing and emergency medical services were contacted. The child was transported to the local hospital and presented in cardiac arrest with bruises on the face, head, chest, and back, and retinal hemorrhaging. The child subsequently died as a result of the injuries sustained. An autopsy revealed the cause of death was multiple force trauma and ruled to be a homicide. It was determined through the investigation that the father was the sole caregiver of the child at the time of incident and the father admitted to head butting, shaking, and tossing the child. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.