

Pennsylvania: 2024 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

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Allegheny

(#2) A 5-day-old male child died on December 16, 2023, as a result of physical abuse. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth, and Families indicated the report on January 29, 2024, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the child was in cardiac arrest and was transported to the local hospital. The child presented to the hospital with multiple skull fractures and subsequently pronounced dead. The injuries sustained were indicative of abuse. It was determined through the investigation that the father was the sole caregiver of the child at the time of the incident and no plausible explanation was provided by the father for the injuries sustained. 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 referral was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.