

Pennsylvania: 2022 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

2nd Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

Philadelphia

(#17) A 17-month-old female child died on March 6, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on April 28, 2022, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found unresponsive by the mother and was transported by emergency medical services to the local children's hospital where the child was pronounced dead. A toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that the mother was the sole caregiver of the child at the time of incident. 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, no criminal charges had been filed. The family was previously known to child welfare.