

Pennsylvania: 2022 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

2nd Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

Philadelphia

(#19) An 11-month-old male child died on March 13, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on April 26, 2022, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found unresponsive, and emergency medical services were contacted; the child was transported to the hospital and pronounced dead. A toxicology screening revealed the child ingested an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that the child died as a result of the illegal substance ingestion and the mother and the father admitted to using the illegal substance. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the two other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed with a relative and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother and the father had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.