

Pennsylvania: 2022 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

2nd Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

Philadelphia

(#20) A 2-year-old male child died on February 17, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on April 14, 2022, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found unresponsive by the mother and the mother transported the child to the local hospital. The child arrived at the hospital and was pronounced dead. A toxicology screening revealed the child ingested an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the father were the sole caregivers of the child at the time of the incident. 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.