

Pennsylvania: 2022 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

2nd Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

Delaware

(#9) A 4-year-old female child died on April 5, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect. Delaware County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on June 3, 2022, naming the victim child's father and a family friend as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child suffered a gunshot wound to the abdomen. The child died as a result of gunshot wound sustained. It was determined through the investigation, that while in the care of the father and the family friend the child was not properly secured in the car seat which left the child accessibility to the unsecured gun in the vehicle at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the three other children in the home at the time of the incident remained in the home and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.