

Pennsylvania: 2023 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

2nd Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

Adams

(#1) An 8-day-old male child died on June 13, 2022, as a result of physical abuse and serious physical neglect. Adams County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on May 9, 2023, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On March 10, 2023, it was reported that at the time of the victim child's death the information provided regarding the circumstances surrounding the child's death were inaccurate. An autopsy received in March 2023, revealed that the child sustained a skull fracture and a minor brain bleed, and the injuries sustained were indicative of homicide. Initially it was reported the mother was breastfeeding the child, passed out, and either dropped the child or fell on the child; the child was subsequently found unresponsive and blue. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the father did not seek medical attention for the child when the child was found unresponsive, and the child subsequently died. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the two other children in the home at the time of the incident remained in the home and all contact with the mother and the father was supervised. The family received services. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.