

## Pennsylvania: 2023 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

#### Philadelphia

(#15) A 3-year-old male child died on April 19, 2023, as a result of serious physical neglect and physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on June 2, 2023, 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 where medical testing revealed the child tested positive for an illegal substance. The child subsequently was pronounced dead. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the father were the sole caregivers of the child at the time the child ingested 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 in kinship care and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.