

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

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

#### Philadelphia

(#16) A 3-month-old female child died on March 21, 2023, as a result of serious physical neglect. Westmoreland County Children's Bureau indicated the report on May 11, 2023, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was co-sleeping with the mother and father and subsequently was found not breathing with no pulse; emergency medical services were contacted. The child was transported to the local hospital and pronounced dead with rigor mortis present. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the father co-slept with the child while under the influence of illegal substances and when the child was found unresponsive, they did not immediately seek medical attention for the child. 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.