

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

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

#### Cambria

(#5) A 5-year-old female child died on October 27, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect. Cambria County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on June 1, 2023, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On October 27, 2022, the victim child was found dead in the home and the death was suspected to be from natural causes. A subsequent toxicology screening revealed the child was positive for an illegal substance at the time of death. It was determined through the investigation that the child died as a result of ingestion of an illegal substance and the mother was the sole caregiver of the child at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the one other child in the home at the time of the incident remained in the care of the father and the mother had no unsupervised contact with the child. The family received services. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.