

Pennsylvania: 2023 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

2nd Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

Dauphin

(#7) A 9-month-old female child died on February 22, 2023, as a result of physical abuse. Dauphin County Children and Youth Agency indicated the report on April 20, 2023, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported that the victim child passed away from injuries previously sustained on August 18, 2022. The injuries sustained on August 18, 2022, included retinal hemorrhages, a skull fracture, and a subdural hemorrhage. It was determined through the investigation, that the father caused the injuries sustained by the victim child that led to the child's death. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the one other child 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 father had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare. This victim child was the subject of a previously reported near fatality.