

Pennsylvania: 2022 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

3rd Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

Allegheny

(#1) A 5-month-old male child died on September 4, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. The Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth, and Families indicated the report on September 30, 2022, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On August 31, 2022, it was reported the victim child was being held and was dropped; the child was transported to the local children's hospital with a head injury. Medical testing revealed bilateral subdural brain bleeds, retinal hemorrhages, and old and new bleeding around the brain. The injuries sustained were indicative of abuse. The child subsequently died as a result of the injuries sustained. It was determined through the investigation that the father admitted to shaking the child causing the injuries. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the one other child in the home at the time of the incident was placed in kinship care and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the father had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.