

Pennsylvania: 2022 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

3rd Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

Lackawanna

(#11) A 2-year-old male child died on February 17, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect. Lackawanna County Office of Youth and Family Services indicated the report on July 20, 2022, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was run over by a vehicle when father was moving the vehicle. Emergency services were contacted, and the child subsequently died as a result of the injuries sustained from being struck by the vehicle. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the father were the sole caregivers of the child at the time of the incident and were aware the child was outside playing while the vehicle was being moved. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the two other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed with a relative and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother and the father had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.