

## Pennsylvania: 2022 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

#### Luzerne

(#12) A 4-year-old male child died on August 8, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Luzerne County Children and Youth Agency indicated the report on September 6, 2022, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was shot and killed by the father. Emergency services were contacted by the mother to assist with a domestic dispute and the police responded to the home to find the child and father dead as a result of gunshot wounds sustained. It was determined through the investigation that the father shot the victim child and then himself. 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 mother and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.