

Pennsylvania: 2022 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

3rd Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

Philadelphia

(#17) A 9-month-old female child died on July 7, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on July 18, 2022, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On June 26, 2022, it was reported the victim child was found unresponsive and was transported to the local hospital. The child presented to the hospital with healing and new bilateral and acute subdural hematomas. The injuries sustained were indicative of shaking. The child subsequently died as a result of the injuries sustained. It was determined through the investigation that the father was the sole caregiver of the child at the time of the incident. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident and no 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.