

Pennsylvania: 2022 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

3rd Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

Venango

(#18) A 2-year-old male child died on July 8, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect. Venango County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on September 30, 2022, naming the victim child's mother and maternal grandfather as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found unresponsive and was taken to the local children's hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, the child was subsequently pronounced dead. A toxicology screening revealed the child was positive for an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the maternal grandfather were aware that the illegal substance was in the home and accessible to the child. There were no other children in the home at the time of incident and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother and the maternal grandfather had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.