

Pennsylvania: 2022 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

3rd Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

Juniata

(#9) A 13-month-old female child died on May 11, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect. Juniata County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on July 15, 2022, naming the victim child's mother and maternal grandmother as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child presented to the hospital emergency room due to the child being in cardiac arrest and subsequently died. An autopsy revealed the child died as a result of severe sepsis. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the maternal grandmother missed several of the child's medical appointments, and they were advised on several occasions prior to the incident to take the child to the hospital due to a reported fever; the mother and the maternal grandmother failed to seek medical attention for the child which led to the severe sepsis. The mother and the maternal grandmother were the sole caregivers 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 criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.