

Pennsylvania: 2023 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

3rd Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

Allegheny

(#2) A 5-year-old female child died on June 13, 2023, as a result of serious physical neglect. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth, and Families indicated the report on August 10, 2023, naming the victim child's mother and maternal grandmother as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found unresponsive, and emergency medical services were contacted. The child was transported to the local children's hospital and subsequently died. A toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for a prescription medication. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the maternal grandmother were the sole caregivers of the victim child at the time of the ingestion. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the two other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed in foster care and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.