

Pennsylvania: 2023 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

3rd Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

Bucks

(#4) An 8-year-old male died on July 20, 2023, as a result of physical abuse. Bucks County Children and Youth Social Services Agency indicated the report on September 15, 2023, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found with a gunshot wound to the head in the home by the local police during a welfare check. The child died as the result of the gunshot wound sustained. It was determined through the investigation that the child's father shot and killed the child and then committed suicide. 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, no criminal charges had been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.