

## Pennsylvania: 2022 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

### 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

#### Philadelphia

(#11) A 5-month-old male child died on September 12, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on October 12, 2022, naming the victim child's mother's paramour as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was acting and eating abnormally therefore emergency medical services were contacted. The child presented to the hospital with blood on the brain, retinal hemorrhages, and a cervical ligamentous injury. The injuries sustained were indicative of abuse. It was determined through the investigation, that the mother's paramour was the sole caregiver of the child at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the one other child in the home at the time of the incident remained in the home with the mother and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.