

Pennsylvania: 2022 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

4th Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

Washington

(#12) A 3-month-old female child died on August 11, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Washington County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on October 5, 2022, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported that the victim child was co-sleeping with the mother and the father; the mother awoke to find the child not breathing and unresponsive. Emergency medical services were contacted, and the child was transported to the hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, the child was pronounced dead. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the father were co-sleeping with the child and drug paraphernalia was present in the home. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the one other child in the home at the time of the incident was placed in kinship care and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated the mother and the father had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.