

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

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

#### Dauphin

(#3) A 5-year-old female child died on September 27, 2022, as a result of physical abuse and sexual abuse. Dauphin County Social Services for Children and Youth indicated the report on October 28, 2022, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported that the victim child fell, was found unresponsive by the father, and the child was transported to the local hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, the child presented with bruising to the face, torso, and lower abdomen and subsequently was pronounced dead. An autopsy revealed the child received extensive injuries indicative of physical and sexual abuse and the manner of death was homicide. It was determined through the investigation that the father was the sole caregiver of the child at the time of the incident and did not provide a plausible explanation for the injuries sustained. 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 father had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.