

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

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

#### Luzerne

(#7) A 2-month-old male child died on November 20, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Luzerne County Children and Youth Agency indicated the report on December 8, 2022, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found unresponsive with blood on the nose by the father and emergency medical services were contacted. The child presented to the hospital with brain bleeds, retinal hemorrhage, and a bruise on the right jaw. The injuries sustained were indicative of traumatic injury. It was determined through the investigation that the father was the sole caregiver of the child at the time the injuries were sustained. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the two other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed with their respective parent. The family received services. At the time the report was indicated, the father had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.