

Pennsylvania: 2023 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

4th Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

Bedford

(#4) A 1-month-old male child died on July 9, 2023, as a result of physical abuse. Bedford County Children and Youth indicated the report on October 10, 2023, naming the victim child's mother and a female household member as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim was found unresponsive in the bed with the mother and the female household member and emergency medical services were contacted. Upon arrival of emergency services, the child was pronounced dead. An autopsy revealed the child tested positive for an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the female household member used the illegal substance on the date of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the three other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed in foster care and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother and the female household member had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.