

Pennsylvania: 2024 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

2nd Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

Chester

(#6) A 12-year-old female child died on May 4, 2024, as a result of serious physical neglect and physical abuse. Chester County Department of Children, Youth, and Families indicated the report on June 14, 2024, naming the victim child's father and father's paramour as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was in a bicycle accident, and the child was transported to the hospital. The child presented to the hospital emaciated with bruising, multiple fractures, lung contusions, and hepatic injury. The injuries sustained were of varying ages and were indicative of a pattern of repeated abuse. The child subsequently died as a result of the injuries sustained. It was determined through the investigation that the explanation provided was not a plausible explanation for the injuries sustained. 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 no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the father and the father's paramour had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.