Pennsylvania: 2024 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

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Allegheny

(#2) A 4-month-old male child died on September 14, 2024, as a result of serious physical neglect and physical abuse. Allegheny County's Office of Children, Youth, and Families indicated the report on November 8, 2024, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the child was taken to the local hospital after being found unresponsive and was then transferred to a children's hospital where the child was pronounced dead. The child had intracranial hemorrhages, fractures, and bruises and tested positive for illegal substances. The infant was diagnosed with abusive head trauma. The mother and father were the sole caregivers of the child at the time the injuries occurred. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the two other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed with kin, and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother and father had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.