## Pennsylvania: 2023 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

## 3rd Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

Chester

(#6) An 8-year-old male child died on July 26, 2023, as a result of physical abuse. Chester County Children, Youth, and Families indicated the report on September 20, 2023, naming the victim child's mother and father as perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was found unresponsive and emergency medical services were contacted. The child was transported to the local hospital and pronounced dead. A toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for illegal substances. It was determined through the investigation that drug paraphernalia and illegal substances were found in the home, and the mother and the father were the sole caregivers of the child at the time of the incident. 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 criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.