Pennsylvania: 2023 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

3rd Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

Philadelphia

(#10) An 8-month-old female child died on July 3, 2023, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on August 18, 2023, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was found unresponsive and emergency services were contacted. The child was transported to the hospital and presented to the hospital unresponsive and cardiopulmonary resuscitation was performed. A toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for illegal substances. The child subsequently died. It was determined through the investigation that the mother was the sole caregiver of the victim child at the time of ingestion of the illegal substances. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the one other child in the home at the time of the incident was placed in the father's care and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated the mother had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.