Colorado Department of Human Services
Child Fatality Review Team
Case-Specific Executive Review Report
NON-CONFIDENTIAL

Public Notification Case ID: 22-102

Investigating County Name: El Paso

County(ies) with Previous Involvement: El Paso, Jefferson

Incident Level: Fatal

Incident Date: 12/2/2022

~PUBLIC DISCLOSURE NOTICE~

This report outlining the non-confidential findings or information regarding a child fatality, near fatality, or egregious incident which occurred as the result of child abuse or neglect within a family who was involved with a County Department of Human/Social Services within three years prior to the incident is subject to public disclosure in accordance with C.R.S. § 26-1-139 and Federal requirements under the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act: CAPTA 42 U.S.C. § 5106a (b)(2)(B)(x)(2019).

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

A. Child victim

Age: 3 months old **Gender:** Male

Race or ethnicity: Multi-racial

Child's residence: In-home

B. Caregivers

Mother

Age: 21 years old **Race or ethnicity**: White

Father

Age: 28 years old **Race or ethnicity**: Black or African American

C. Description of the child's family (non-identifying information):

At the time of the incident, the infant resided with the parents, the maternal half-sibling (age 2), and the younger sibling (age 16 months). The parents were reported to have separated and reconciled shortly prior to the incident.

The mother reported she had been diagnosed with mental health disorders. It was unclear if the mother was receiving treatment at the time of the incident. The mother disclosed she was a victim of domestic violence in her relationship with the maternal half-sibling's father. The mother denied being a victim of domestic violence in her relationship with the father, though others had expressed concerns that she was. The mother used marijuana and was reported to have used cocaine. Allegations were made that the mother was also selling substances and, at the time of the incident, had a pending federal drug case.

The father was reported to have been gang affiliated and that he was involved in drug distribution. The father used marijuana, but there were several allegations he also used cocaine regularly. The

maternal family reported the father had been on parole at the start of the parents' relationship, but it was unclear if this was accurate, or what the father was on parole for.

II. SUMMARY OF THE FATAL CHILD MALTREATMENT INCIDENT

A. Assessment **Date received:** 12/02/2022 **Date closed:** 1/25/2023
County: El Paso **Overall Finding:** Substantiated

Description of the incident, including the suspected cause of the fatal child maltreatment incident (non-identifying information): On December 2, 2022, El Paso County Department of Humans Services (EPCDHS) received a report of concern regarding the infant. The reporting party (RP) reported "[the mother] called 911… [to report] that [the infant] was unresponsive and not breathing." Emergency Medical Services (EMS) responded to the family's home and transported the infant to Children's Hospital Colorado (CHC) in Colorado Springs. "[The infant] [was] now intubated," but had required 40 minutes of active resuscitation. The family was reported to have current EPCDHS involvement due to concerns for cocaine use.

The supervisor responded to CHC and attempted to see the maternal half-sibling and the younger sibling. The father was reported to have the maternal half-sibling and the younger sibling in his care and was unwilling to meet with law enforcement at the hospital or in person. The father reported that he and the maternal half-sibling and the younger sibling were at the family's home, but the supervisor noted that the seatbelt bells could be heard in the background of the call with the father.

The supervisor spoke with law enforcement at CHC. Law enforcement had spoken to a child abuse physician and relayed the information gathered thus far in their investigation. The physician reported that there was no current evidence that the infant sustained trauma, but his "lack of [oxygen]" caused a severe injury to the child. The physician reported that the mother made statements regarding her "not want[ing] to parent a 'retarded child,'" while the father did not want to see the infant. The infant was reported to have arrived at CHC, with "extremely wet, [*sic*] clothes, arms, [and] legs." Per the father, the infant had spit up formula and water while the father was patting the infant's back; however, the family denied giving the infant water. The father then went to make food for the maternal half-sibling and the younger sibling, and when he returned he found the infant unresponsive. CHC planned to complete a drug screen on the infant. The father was reported to have the maternal half-sibling and the younger sibling in his care, but their whereabouts were unknown. The family resided "in a one bedroom ap[artment]" and had been at this home for approximately six months prior to the incident. The infant had recently missed a well-check, but it had been rescheduled for December 5, 2022. The mother was reported to have recently picked the children up from an out-of-state stay with the grandmother. The grandmother had informed the mother that the infant appeared to be ill and suggested he remain elevated. The infant returned from his trip with a stuffy nose, which the mother treated by removing the congestion from the infant's nose. While explaining to law enforcement the events that lead to the infant's condition, the mother and the father were both described to be speaking fast and erratically. The parents reported that the father attempted to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), while the mother called 911. The father reported that prior to finding the infant unresponsive, the infant had been propped in his bassinet on a "baby boppy with [his] bottle propped." The infant's "[h]ead and neck were [reported to be] propped on the bo[ppy,]" while blankets propped the bottle. The father reported that he did not check on the infant for approximately 45 minutes, while he was caring for the maternal half-sibling and the younger sibling. The father reported that the infant had recently suffered from COVID-19 and the maternal half-sibling and the younger sibling recently had respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).

The supervisor noted a phone call between the father and an unidentified individual. The father reiterated that he was unwilling to come to CHC and did not want law enforcement at CHC. The

father again reported that he was home with the maternal half-sibling and the younger sibling. The father denied that the infant had been placed in water and reported that any wetness on the infant was due to the formula he had spit up. The father reported that there was only marijuana in the home, which the mother smoked, and denied that the infant ingested any substances. The father reported that during a marital separation, the mother used cocaine. The father denied that he used physical discipline with the children. The father was informed that his current warrant would not result in his arrest and that it was important for him to see the infant.

A caseworker in training observed the law enforcement interview with the mother. The mother provided information regarding the children's daily routines. The mother then provided a timeline of events leading up to the incident. The mother reported that she slept in while the father cared for the children. The mother reported that the father had left the infant unsupervised for "'no more than 10 minutes.'" The mother provided similar information that had been reported by law enforcement and the father. The mother reported that she and the father used marijuana, but one of them was always sober. The mother reported the marijuana was kept in a safe. Following the mother's interview, law enforcement informed the supervisor that the mother's timeline did not match the time EMS received the call.

The supervisor was informed by CHC staff that the parents had been notified of the infant's prognosis and that he was brain dead and would not survive. The CHC staff was uncertain if a complete skeletal exam would be completed on the infant, but did report that the toxicology screening was pending. The supervisor then observed the infant at CHC.

The supervisor noted that law enforcement completed a search of the family's home. Several substances were located in the home including marijuana, possible cocaine, and Fentanyl. The home was not found to have storage for the substances, as was reported by the parents, and there was marijuana and residue within reach of the children. Law enforcement located several "cell phones and stolen [identification cards] ID's [*sic*]" and what appeared to be blood on "the main living area['s]" floor.

EPCDHS requested and was granted custody of the children. The maternal half-sibling and the younger sibling were at the paternal relative's home and were removed from the paternal relative's care with the assistance of law enforcement. The father was reported to have left the paternal relative's home prior to the arrival of law enforcement and the supervisor. Both parents were notified via telephone and were informed that the maternal half-sibling and the younger sibling were being placed in foster care, while EPCDHS would continue to explore kin placement options.

On December 4, 2022, the supervisor was contacted by a social worker from CHC. The social worker reported that due to the infant's condition, the "[p]arents [were] going to withdraw care." The social worker reported the coroner would take over the infant's case following the infant's passing.

On January 25, 2023, ECPDHS closed the assessment with the family participating in a court involved permanency case.

Findings: The allegations of fatal, intrafamilial neglect – lack of supervision/supervision inconsistent with the child's need were substantiated .

The allegations of minor, intrafamilial neglect – environment injurious were substantiated.

Supplemental Information:

Per the autopsy report, it was the opinion of the coroner "that [the infant]… died as a result of asphyxia associated with bottle propping. It [was] also [the coroner's] opinion that

rhinovirus/enterovirus and adenovirus contributed to [the] death." A toxicology report was completed and showed the infant was not exposed to any substances.

Per the police report, "[the investigation] [was] placed in an inactive status."

Open Involvement (open at the time of the fatal child maltreatment incident)**:**

1. **Assessment** **Date received:** 9/22/2022 **Date closed:** 12/20/2022
   County: El Paso **FAR:** No
   Overall finding: Unsubstantiated

Referral narrative, assessment summary, status of investigation (non-identifying information)**:**

On September 22, 2022, EPCDHS received a report of concern regarding the maternal half-sibling and the younger sibling. The RP reported the maternal half-sibling and the younger sibling were reported to have "black feet, with inappropriate clothing for [the] weather, and bruising. [The] RP state[d] the bruising [was] consistent with abuse." The RP believed that the bruising located on one of the sibling's cheeks appeared to finger and thumb prints. The younger sibling was reported to have bruising on their bottom that the RP believed was consistent with a belt mark. The RP also expressed concerns that the younger sibling might have been harmed sexually. The RP believed the older sibling's injuries "[were] consistent with shaking a baby and abuse."

Law enforcement and the supervisor met the father and the younger sibling at the local hospital. The mother was reported to have active warrants and was not present at the hospital. "An assumption was made that [the mother] was avoiding [law enforcement] due to the warrant [,] although [law enforcement] informed [the mother] that they would not be taking her into custody." The father denied any concerns the younger sibling had been sexually abused, but was cooperative in allowing the younger sibling to be medically examined. Law enforcement and the supervisor were informed that the younger sibling's exam did not indicate any sexual abuse or trauma.

On September 23, 2022, the caseworker spoke with the mother. The mother reported she stayed away from the local hospital due to her warrant. The infant and the maternal half-sibling were not seen medically. The mother reported that though the maternal half-sibling went with her to drop off the younger sibling at daycare, the maternal half-sibling was not staying that day and that was why the maternal half-sibling was not dressed for the weather.

On October 28, 2022, the caseworker went to the maternal half-sibling and the younger sibling's daycare, but was informed the maternal half-sibling and the younger sibling had been unenrolled from the daycare following EPCDHS involvement with the family.

From October 28, 2022, until December 2, 2022, the caseworker made various attempts to contact the family.

On December 2, 2022, the caseworker informed the mother that the assessment would be closed with unsubstantiated findings. The caseworker later saw the infant, who was hospitalized due to the fatal incident.

On December 3, 2023, the maternal half-sibling and the younger sibling were seen by the caseworker at a paternal relative's home.

On December 5, 2022, the caseworker spoke to the maternal half-sibling's father, who reported no concerns for physical abuse. The maternal half-sibling's father reported he was uncertain if the allegations were true, as he had not seen the maternal half-sibling for more than a year.

On December 12, 2022, the caseworker spoke with the father. The father denied any knowledge of the maternal half-sibling and the younger sibling having bruises and denied the use of physical discipline with the children.

On December 20, 2022, EPCDHS closed the assessment.

Findings: The allegations of minor, intrafamilial abuse - physical were inconclusive .

The allegation of minor, intrafamilial abuse - sexual was unsubstantiated .

2. Assessment **Date received:** 10/24/2022 **Date closed:** 12/20/2023
County: El Paso **FAR:** No
Overall finding: Inconclusive

Referral narrative, assessment summary, status of investigation (non-identifying information)**:**
On October 24, 2022, EPCDHS received a report of concern regarding the family. The RP reported that on October 8, 2022, the mother had been stopped entering a military base and was found to have four grams of cocaine and a large amount of cash in her vehicle. The mother was reported to have lied about her identity and to have provided a "bad [d]rivers [l]icense." Through social media, the RP was able to determine the mother had two children, though it was unclear where the children were.

On October 28, 2022, the caseworker went to the maternal half-sibling and the younger sibling's daycare and was informed they were no longer enrolled. The caseworker then attempted to contact the parents, but the phones were no longer connected. The caseworker then attempted to make contact with the family at their home, but no one was at the residence.

On November 2, 2022, the caseworker coordinated with law enforcement to attempt to contact the family at their home. Law enforcement and the caseworker were informed by the home owner that the family no longer resided there, and they made attempts at several addresses and were informed by the residents that the family no longer resided at those homes.

Between November 8, 2022, and December 2, 2022, the caseworker attempted to make contact with the family.

On December 2, 2022, the caseworker met the mother at the hospital, while responding to the incident assessment. The mother denied the allegations and was described to be "upset and talking erratically." The caseworker spoke with the father on the phone. The father reported the mother used cocaine, while they were temporarily separated, and "reported… he [was] aware… [the mother] [was] facing federal drug charges."

On December 3, 2022, the maternal half-sibling and the younger sibling were observed at the relative's home.

On December 5, 2022, the caseworker spoke with the maternal half-sibling's father, "[who] report[ed] [the mother] was introduced to drugs by [the father]."

On December 14, 2022, the caseworker notified the parents and the maternal half-sibling's father that the assessment would close with inconclusive findings.

The assessment was closed on December 20, 2022.

Findings: The allegations of minor, intrafamilial neglect – environment injurious were inconclusive.

B. FAMILY CASE HISTORY

Within the last three years, the family had prior involvement with El Paso and Jefferson County Departments of Human Services consisting of 9 referrals and 9 assessments.

III. TIMELINE SUMMARY

The following timeline was created using supporting documents and information gathered during the review of this incident. Supporting documentation may include but not be limited to: law enforcement report(s), autopsy or coroner report(s), medical records, Trails records, etc. The timeline is intended to organize information and illustrate relevant events, patterns, relationships, behaviors, risk, and protective factors associated with these incidents of fatal, near fatal, and/or egregious child maltreatment. Please note, there may be information contained within the timeline that was not available or known to the county department(s), or other professionals, during their involvement with the child and/or family.

11/24/2020	Jefferson County Division of Children, Youth, Families and Adult Protection (JCDCYFAP) received a report of concern regarding the mother's family. The RP reported the maternal relative was forced to watch their sibling and the maternal half-sibling. The maternal family was reported to use marijuana in the presence of the children in the home, including the maternal half-sibling. The referral was not accepted for assessment for the identified reason of "No information available from reporter of abuse and neglect as defined in law."
12/2/2020-12/15/2020	JCDCYFAP had a prevention case regarding concerns for the mother's family. The mother and the maternal half-sibling were listed as household members in the referral. The caseworker was unable to make contact with the family and the prevention case was closed with the indicated reason of, "Track Changed to Investigation/Assessment."
1/7/2021-3/5/2021	EPCDHS completed an assessment on the family regarding concerns the father was selling cocaine from the home and that the maternal relatives, who provided care for the maternal half-sibling, were also using cocaine. During the assessment, the parents completed drug screens, which showed the mother was negative for all substances, while the father was positive for only tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). The mother reported she informed the maternal relatives she would not allow them contact with the maternal half-sibling if they were using substances. The mother reported this resulted in the maternal relative's sobriety. During the assessment, the mother disclosed a physical altercation between her and the maternal relative. The mother reported she contacted law enforcement for assistance during the altercation. The allegations of minor, intrafamilial neglect – environment injurious were unsubstantiated.
2/8/2021	EPCDHS received a report of concern regarding the family. The RP expressed concerns that the mother recently got into a physical altercation with the maternal relative and reported concerns regarding the father perpetrating domestic violence against the mother. The father was reported to use cocaine and the family would soon be losing their housing. The RP reported they planned to file for emergency custody of the maternal half-sibling. The referral was not accepted for assessment for the identified reason of "No information available from reporter of abuse and neglect as defined in law."
2/8/2021-	

4/5/2021	EPCDHS completed an assessment on the family regarding concerns for domestic violence perpetrated by the father and concerns for substance use and distribution by the parents. During the assessment, the parents completed drugs screens which showed the mother was negative for all substances, while the father was positive for THC. The parents denied domestic violence. The mother reported that following an altercation with the maternal relative, she was no longer in contact with the maternal relative. The mother informed the caseworker that the family moved out-of-state and had begun new jobs. The allegations of minor, intrafamilial neglect were unsubstantiated .
2/9/2021	JCDCYFAP received a report of concern regarding the family and transferred it to EPCDHS. The RP reported there was a physical altercation between the mother and the maternal relative in the presence of the maternal half-sibling. The maternal relative was reported to have been the primary caregiver for the maternal half-sibling, but the mother came and took the maternal half-sibling. The RP expressed concerns the mother was using substances, that the father was rough with the maternal half-sibling, and that the mother was currently homeless. The RP reported the maternal half-sibling was returned to the maternal relative's care, but law enforcement was called by the mother, and the maternal relative was required to return the maternal half-sibling to the mother. The maternal half-sibling was reported to have not been properly restrained in their car seat and the maternal half-sibling fell out of the car seat when law enforcement lifted the car seat. The maternal half-sibling was reported to have not received "medical care after the fall." The referral was not accepted for assessment for the identified reason of, "No information available from reporter of abuse and neglect as defined in law."
~7/2021	The younger sibling was born.
7/4/2021-8/24/2021	EPCDHS completed an assessment with the family regarding concerns the younger sibling was born drug exposed to marijuana. During the assessment, the parents reported that they had a sober caregiver for the children when they used marijuana and showed the caseworker the safe where the marijuana was kept. The maternal relative was contacted during the assessment and expressed concerns for domestic violence in the home and reported they believed the maternal half-sibling was fearful of the father. Additionally, the father was reported to use cocaine weekly. It was noted that the maternal relative's concerns had previously been investigated and the parents denied the allegations. The maternal half-sibling was reported to have been in the care of the maternal relative, who resided out-of-state. The father completed a drug screen which was positive for THC. The allegation of minor, intrafamilial neglect – environment injurious was unsubstantiated.
9/18/2021	The Hotline County Connection Center (HCCC) received and transferred a report of concern regarding the family to EPCHS. The RP reported concerns for domestic violence in the home, perpetrated by the father. The mother was reported to have been hospitalized after one of these instances and to have been placed on a mental health hold. It was unclear where the maternal half-sibling was during those instances. The RP reported they had heard the mother was using cocaine and was uncertain if the father used substances. The mother was reported to deny the maternal half-sibling's father's contact with the maternal half-sibling when they had a disagreement. The referral was not accepted to assessment for the identified reason of, "No information available from reporter of abuse and neglect as defined in law."

12/30/2021-
2/15/2022 EPCDHS completed an assessment with the family regarding the maternal half-sibling and the younger sibling being left unsupervised for hours at a time. The RP believed there was physical abuse occurring in the home, as they had observed the maternal half-sibling with a hand-like bruise. The parents were reported to smoke marijuana in the home and the mother was reported to smoke marijuana while holding the younger sibling. During the assessment, the maternal half-sibling and the younger sibling were reported to be out-of-state in the care of the maternal relative. The younger sibling and the maternal half-sibling returned in February 2022. The parents denied leaving the children unsupervised and reported they utilized relatives to help them care for the children. The allegation of minor, intrafamilial abuse – physical was unsubstantiated. The allegations of minor, intrafamilial neglect - lack of supervision/supervision inconsistent with child's needs were unsubstantiated. The allegations of minor, intrafamilial neglect – environment injurious were unsubstantiated.

5/7/2022-
7/1/2022 EPCDHS completed an assessment with the family regarding concerns the maternal half-sibling and the younger sibling were left unsupervised, the younger sibling was reported to have a significant diaper rash, and there were concerns for the conditions of the home. During the assessment, the younger sibling and the maternal half-sibling were in the care of the maternal relative out-of-state. It was reported that the mother had left the maternal half-sibling and the younger sibling alone overnight, while she visited the father. Additionally, relatives expressed concerns the father perpetrated domestic violence against the mother and that the father used cocaine. EPCDHS contacted the child welfare department in the state where the maternal half-sibling and younger sibling were reported to be during the assessment. The parents denied all of the allegations. The parents completed a UA which was positive for THC. The parents were able to get child care during the assessment. The allegations of minor, intrafamilial neglect - environment injurious were substantiated.

7/27/2022-
9/2/2022- EPCDHS completed an assessment with the family regarding concerns for sexual abuse of the younger sibling. During the assessment, the younger sibling was medically evaluated and no concerns were noted for non-accidental trauma. The allegation of minor, intrafamilial abuse – sexual was unsubstantiated.

8/15/2022 EPCDHS received a report of concern for the younger sibling. The RP expressed concerns the younger sibling was sexually abused due what the RP observed during a diaper change. The referral was not accepted for assessment for the identified reason of, "Duplicate referral."

8/17/2022 EPCDHS received a report of concern regarding the infant. The infant and the mother both tested positive for marijuana at the time of the infant's birth. The referral was not accepted for assessment for the identified reason of "No information available from reporter of abuse and neglect as defined in law."

8/18/2022- 9/19/2022	EPCDHS completed an assessment with the family regarding concerns for physical abuse of the maternal half-sibling and the younger sibling. During the assessment, the father refused to speak with the caseworker as "he [believed] it was harassment on the part of [EPC]DHS." The mother reported that the maternal half-sibling had sustained bruising while playing with cousins. The mother reported she was told the maternal half-sibling had fallen down the stairs. The mother refused to have the maternal half-sibling evaluated medically by CHC, as several weeks had passed since the bruising healed. The allegations of minor, intrafamilial abuse – physical were inconclusive.
~8/2022- 9/2022	The parents separated and reconciled.
9/2/2022	EPCDHS received a report of concern regarding the family. The RP reported the mother left the home, as the father was yelling at her and the infant. The mother was reported to have been fearful that the father would assault her. The RP reported they had witnessed the father threaten to hit the mother in the past and reported the father had previously beaten the mother. The referral was not accepted for assessment for the identified reason of "No information available from reporter of abuse and neglect as defined in law."
9/13/2022	EPCDHS received a report of concern regarding the family. The RP reported concerns that the children were seen with bruises and that there had been concerns the younger sibling had been sexually abused. The referral was not accepted for assessment for the identified reason of "No information available from reporter of abuse and neglect as defined in law."
9/22/2022	EPCDHS received a report of concern regarding the family. The RP reported the children were regularly seen with bruises. The RP reported concerns the younger sibling was sexually abused. The referral was not accepted for assessment for the identified reason of "Duplicate referral."
9/22/2022- 12/20/2022	EPCDHS completed an assessment with the family regarding concerns for sexual abuse of the younger sibling, and physical abuse of the maternal half-sibling and the younger sibling, as summarized in the open involvement section above. The allegations of minor, intrafamilial abuse - physical were inconclusive. The allegation of minor, intrafamilial abuse - sexual was unsubstantiated.
10/8/2022	The mother was found to have a large amount of cash and four grams of cocaine in her vehicle.
10/24/2022- 12/20/2022	EPCDHS completed an assessment with the family regarding concerns the mother was found to have cocaine and a large amount of cash in her vehicle, as summarized in the open involvement section above. The allegations of minor, intrafamilial neglect – environment injurious were inconclusive.
12/2/2022	The infant was hospitalized.
12/4/2022	The infant was withdrawn from life support and passed away.

IV. COUNTY INTERNAL REVIEW

County: El Paso **Date:** February 13, 2023

V. CDHS CHILD FATALITY REVIEW TEAM

A. Review Date: January 8, 2024

Documents Reviewed

1. Trails referrals, assessments, and case records
2. Colorado Children's Code - Title 19 of the Colorado Revised Statutes
3. Volume 7 State Child Welfare Rules and Regulations
4. El Paso County's Internal Review Report Dated: 2/13/2023
5. Police Records
6. Autopsy Report

B. Identified Risk and Contributing factors that may have led to the incident:

- Substance use
- Vulnerable child due to age
- The child's medical issues
- Bottle propping
- The parents' intermittent relationship
- The father's gang involvement
- The family's extensive child welfare history
- Increasing domestic violence in the parents' relationship, unable to determine who was the perpetrator
- Tension with extended family members
- Generational parental neglect
- The mother was a victim of sexual abuse, perpetrated by her father
- The mother's general aggression towards her family members
- Young caregivers
- The age difference between the parents, which could play into the power/control dynamics in their relationship.
- The father appeared to have more control in the relationship with the mother
- Systemic racism may have impacted the family as the parents were biracial
- Possible drug distribution
- Safe storage practices for substances were not always followed
- The parents might not have had the level of child developmental and parenting knowledge needed to safely care for the young children
- The parents were offered parenting classes, but it did not seem like they participated
- The parents removed the children from daycare after reports about the children were made
- Housing instability/insecurity – the family moved frequently
- The family had recently been ill with COVID-19 and RSV

C. Summary of identified systemic strengths in the delivery of services and supports to child/ren and/or family (non-identifying information).
The CDHS Child Fatality Review Team (CFRT) reviewed the fatal child maltreatment incident and the previous involvement and identified strengths in the delivery of services and supports to the children and family. These strengths are:

1. The CFRT identified a strength related to EPCDHS's previous involvement with the family and connecting them with a daycare center, which was a positive support for the children and family.

2. The CFRT identified a strength in the previous referrals made to SafeCare Colorado on the family's behalf; however, it was unknown if the parents participated in the prevention services.

D. Summary of identified systemic gaps and deficiencies in the delivery of services and supports to child/ren and/or family and recommendations for changes in systems, policy, rule, or statute (non-identifying information)**.**
The CDHS CFRT reviewed the fatal child maltreatment incident and the previous involvement and identified systemic gaps and/or deficiencies in the delivery of services and supports to the children and family. These gaps and/or deficiencies are:

The CFRT did not identify any systemic gaps or deficiencies during the review of this incident.

E. Review of Compliance (references to Rule Manual Volume 7, Child Welfare Services, of the Colorado Code of Regulations [12 Colo. Code Regs. §2509] are referred to by rule number):
Compliance with statutes, regulations, and relevant policies and procedures is considered through the internal review by county departments of human/social services who had prior involvement in the previous three years, a qualitative case review conducted by the Administrative Review Division (ARD), and a review and discussion by the CFRT. The findings were provided to the counties in order to assist them in identifying areas needing improvement. There were no direct correlations between the compliance findings and the fatal incident.

F. Recommendations from the review of the incident:

The CFRT did not make any formal recommendations during the review of this incident.