Summary Report	Fatality	02/11/2026

1. Victim: Alijandra Celaya– 1-month-old female

2. Was the child residing in the child's home or in an out-of-home placement at the time of the fatality?

The child was residing in her home when the following incident occurred:

On August 9, 2024, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 1-month-old Alijandra Celaya, who was found unresponsive after co-sleeping in an adult bed with her parents, who were under the influence of alcohol. The child was transported to the hospital, where she was pronounced deceased. On January 26, 2026, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect to Alijandra by her parents, Arianna Garza and Frank Celaya.

3. If the victim in the Preliminary Report involved a child residing in the child's home, the following information will be provided:

a. Services being provided to the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect at the time of the incident and the date of the last contact before the incident between the entity providing services and the person receiving services:

There were no services being provided to the family by the Department of Child Safety at the time of the incident.

b. Was the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect the subject of a report for investigation at the time of the incident?

No.

c. All involvement of the child's parents and of the person suspected of the abuse or neglect in a situation for which a report for investigation was made or in services provided pursuant to this chapter in the five years preceding the incident:

There were no prior DCS reports involving Frank Celaya.

DCS received the following prior reports involving Arianna Garza:

On November 26, 2014, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Arianna Garza. The report was still open when another report was received. This allegation of neglect was later unsubstantiated.

On April 16, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their father and their mother, Arianna Garza. The report was generated due to the filing of a private dependency petition in the Superior Court. The Department was added as a party to the court case and

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provided services to the family. The allegations of neglect to the child by Ms. Garza were substantiated. Ms. Garza's parental rights were terminated in May 2016, and the case was closed.

d. Any investigation pursuant to a report for investigation concerning the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect or services provided to the child or the child's family since the date of the incident involving the fatality:

The report regarding the fatality was investigated and the case was closed. The other children in the home were assessed as safe. The Department provided services to the family and provided the family with information about additional services available in the community. The allegations of neglect to Alijandra by her parents, Adrianna Garza and Frank Celaya, were substantiated. No subsequent reports of abuse or neglect were received regarding the family.

4. If the victim in the Preliminary Report involved a child residing in an out-of-home placement, the following information will be provided:

a. Licensing Agency:

N/A

b. Licensing history of the out-of-home placement, including the type of license held by the operator of the placement and the period for which the placement has been licensed:

N/A

c. Summary of all violations by the licensee:

N/A

d. Any other actions by the licensee or an employee of the licensee that constitute a substantial failure to protect and promote the health, safety and welfare of a child.

N/A

5. Actions taken by the Department in response to the case including any changes to policy or practice and/or recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes:

The Department conducted a joint investigation with the Phoenix Police Department. The other children in the home were assessed as safe. The Department provided services to the family and provided the family with information about additional services available in the community. The allegations of neglect to Alijandra by her parents, Adrianna Garza and Frank Celaya, were substantiated. No subsequent reports of abuse or neglect were received regarding the family.

The Department reminds all caregivers to practice safe sleep. For additional information please visit the DCS website at: https://dcs.az.gov/Services/Safe-Sleep.

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Additionally, in accordance with A.R.S. § 8-469, cases with prior involvement with the Department within 3 years of the critical incident are reviewed by a multidisciplinary team (MDT). The team selects cases that present opportunities for systemic learning or that demonstrate opportunities for systemic change. The Department uses the aggregate data gathered through the MDT reviews to assess and guide future changes and/or recommendations to policies, practices, rules, or statutes to improve the quality of outcomes for children and families receiving services from the department. Findings from these reviews are compiled into an annual report which is shared on the DCS website. The target date for release of the next report is December 1, 2026.

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