Statement on the death of 3-month-old Ayla Fragoso

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On April 28, 2024, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 3-month-old Ayla Fragoso. Ayla was pronounced deceased after co-sleeping on an adult bed with her mother, Jade Green, who was under the influence of alcohol.

Following an assessment of child safety, the other children in the home were found to be safe in the care of their parents.

On July 15, 2025, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect to the Ayla by her mother, Ms. Green.

The Department provided the family with a list of community resources and an Arizona Families First referral.

DCS received the following prior reports involving Ms. Green:

On May 31, 2015, the Department received a report alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Ms. Green and their father. The report alleged that Ms. Green had used heroin, marijuana, and methadone during her pregnancy, exposing the child to substances. The DCS investigation resulted in the child being removed from the home and placed with a relative. A dependency petition was filed with Pima County Superior Court and the allegations were substantiated. The Department provided services to the family and the child was returned to their father. The case was dismissed in August 2016.

On March 17, 2017, the Department received a report alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Ms. Green and their father. The report alleged that the child's father had relapsed on heroin and was unable to care for the child. The DCS investigation resulted in the child being removed from the home and placed with a relative. A dependency petition was filed with Pima County Superior Court and the allegations were substantiated. The Department provided services to the family and the child was returned to their mother, Ms. Green. The case was dismissed on July 18, 2018.

On August 15, 2017, the Department received a report alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Ms. Green. The report alleged Ms. Green had used methamphetamine, heroin and marijuana use during her pregnancy, exposing the child to substances. The DCS investigation resulted in the child being assessed as safe in their parents' care under a safety plan. The family agreed to participate in in-home services and the SENSE program. The allegation of neglect was substantiated to the mother, Ms. Green. The family successfully completed the SENSE program and substance abuse treatment. The case was closed in September 2018.

On September 29, 2018, the Department received a report alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Ms. Green. The report alleged Ms. Green was under the influence of alcohol and using marijuana while caring for the children. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegation. The allegation was unsubstantiated to Ms. Green. No services were provided to the family and the case was closed on December 24, 2018.

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On February 22, 2019, the Department received a report alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Ms. Green and their father. The report alleged that a domestic violence altercation occurred in front of the child between the parents. The DCS investigation found evidence to support the allegation of neglect to the father. The allegation was unsubstantiated to Ms. Green. The family was provided with daycare services and information on services available in the community. The case was closed on April 22, 2019.

On June 1, 2019, the Department received a report alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Ms. Green and their father. The report alleged that the parents got into a verbal altercation and the father removed the child from the home. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegation. The allegation of neglect against both parents was unsubstantiated. Ms. Green engaged with a behavioral health agency and participated in domestic violence classes. The case was closed on July 22, 2019.

On January 12, 2024, the Department received a report alleging neglect to Ayla by her mother, Ms. Green. The report alleged that Ms. Green had used marijuana during her pregnancy, exposing the child to THC in utero. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegation. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on services available in the community. The case was closed on April 25, 2024.

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