

Fatalities

Allegheny

1. A 6-year-old male child died on August 9, 2017, as a result of serious physical neglect. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth and Families (ACOCYF) founded the report on August 20, 2018, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child and 10-year-old sibling were left unsupervised at the mother's residence. The sibling obtained a firearm from the mother's bag. The sibling reported he thought the firearm was unloaded but had not realized that there was a bullet in the chamber. The sibling told the victim child to stick his hands up and then pulled the trigger, which resulted in the victim child being shot. The sibling contacted emergency medical services. The victim child was transported via ambulance to the local hospital, where he was pronounced dead. The sibling was placed with his paternal aunt through a court order and she was later granted permanent guardianship. The aunt and sibling were referred to support services but declined. The mother was charged and found guilty of a misdemeanor endangering the welfare of children, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of marijuana and was sentenced to five years of probation. The mother was required to take parenting classes and complete behavioral health and substance use evaluations. The family was previously known to child welfare. In 2015, ACOCYF received two general protective service reports. One report concerned illegal substance use and lack of supervision. The other report alleged inadequate housing and hygiene concerns; both reports were screened out. In March 2017, ACOCYF received a child protective services report regarding allegations of serious physical neglect due the mother's lack of response when the older sibling was injured at school. Once investigated, it was determined that the mother had taken appropriate action and the report was unfounded.

Berks

2. A 6-month-old female child died on January 4, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Berks County Children and Youth Services founded the report on August 9, 2018, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. In March 2018, law enforcement discovered the deceased victim child in a bag of cat litter inside of the residence. The final autopsy report was completed on August 8, 2018, which determined the victim child's cause of death as blunt force trauma to the head, including violent shaking and direct blows, blunt force trauma to the trunk, injuries to the lungs and pancreas, fractured ribs, asphyxiation by smothering or chest compression, and the effects of malnutrition and dehydration. A toxicology screen was also completed on the victim child, which revealed the presence of the antihistamine diphenhydramine. The victim child had two siblings, who were placed with their paternal uncle and aunt as a result of this incident. At the time the report was founded, the parents had been charged with criminal homicide, aggravated assault, recklessly endangering another person, concealing the death of a child, and abuse of a corpse and were incarcerated. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Blair

3. A 16-month-old female child died on May 24, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Blair County Children, Youth and Family (BCCYF) indicated the report on July 19, 2018, naming the victim child's mother's paramour as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child and her mother were spending the night at the paramour's residence. The mother awoke and saw her paramour standing by the pack 'n' play, where the victim child was sleeping. The paramour stated that the victim child was not breathing, and the victim child's mother contacted emergency medical services (EMS). Cardiopulmonary resuscitation was attempted until EMS arrived at the home. The victim child was transported to a local hospital, then transferred to a specialized pediatric hospital. The victim child had bruising on the left and right side of her neck, bruising on the upper left abdomen, rectal tearing and swelling, petechiae around the right upper eye, retinal hemorrhaging, bruising on the ears, and was bleeding from her nose. Subsequent medical testing determined the victim child to be brain dead. The victim child succumbed to her injuries on May 24, 2018. The paramour had one child who was residing in the home at the time of the incident, and the child was placed in the care of a paternal relative to ensure safety of the child. BCCYF did not open the family for services. At the time the report was indicated, the perpetrator was incarcerated and had been charged with murder, aggravated assault, strangulation, endangering welfare of children, and simple assault. The family was previously known to child welfare. In March and May 2017, BCCYF received general protective service referrals regarding home conditions. A home visit was completed; the safety of the children was ensured, and the referrals were screened out.

Bucks

4. A 2-year-old male child died on August 25, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Bucks County Children and Youth Social Services Agency indicated the report on September 27, 2018, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found unresponsive in the home, and the mother was found to have attempted suicide while under the influence of substances. The victim child was transported to a local hospital via ambulance, where he later passed away. An autopsy revealed the victim child overdosed on the medications Hydrocodone and Diphenhydramine. There were no other children in the home. At the time the report was indicated, the mother was charged with criminal homicide and was incarcerated. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
5. A 2-year-old male child died on September 12, 2016, as a result of physical abuse. Bucks County Children and Youth Social Services Agency founded the report on July 27, 2018, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the day of the incident, the victim child went into another room and obtained a firearm from a dresser drawer. The victim child subsequently shot himself in the chest, which resulted in a fatal injury. The father was the sole caretaker for the victim child at the time of the incident. There were no other children in the home. The family was referred to grief counseling and supportive services. The victim child's father was charged

with crimes involving manslaughter. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Lackawanna

6. A 20-month-old female child died on August 12, 2018, as a result of serious physical neglect. Lackawanna County Office of Youth and Family Services (LCOYFS) indicated the report on September 11, 2018, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of incident, law enforcement responded to the home due to a report that the victim child was unresponsive. The victim child was transported to the hospital where she presented with no heartbeat, fixed and dilated pupils, and an elevated temperature. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation was performed, and medication was given, however, the victim child remained unresponsive and died as a result of hypothermia and dehydration. It was determined that an air conditioning unit had been installed incorrectly by the mother and father, leading to the victim child's prolonged exposure to heat. The victim child had one sibling who had also been hospitalized for severe dehydration, high body temperature, and high blood sodium levels. The sibling was placed in the care of their paternal grandmother following a shelter care hearing. At the time of the incident, LCOYFS had an open case with the family; the parents participated in parenting groups and behavioral health assessments, and the father had also been referred for substance use treatment. At the time the report was substantiated, criminal charges were pending. The family was previously known to child welfare. In December 2016 and August 2017, LCOYFS received two general protective service referrals regarding the birth of the victim child to a minor and allegations of substance use; the reports were determined to be invalid and no services were provided. The mother was also previously known as a subject child.

Lancaster

7. A 4-year-old male child died on May 31, 2018, as a result of serious physical neglect. Lancaster County Children and Youth Social Services Agency indicated the report on July 30, 2018, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. The victim child and his father were working with the feed silo on their farm. The father and victim child exited the silo, and then the father did not observe the victim child around him and assumed he returned to the family home. The father then resumed working without confirming the whereabouts of the victim child. The father restarted the conveyer belt that moves the feed out of the mixer, which contained large rotating auger blades. The father observed a child's arm on the conveyer belt, turned off the machinery, and requested help from a neighbor. The neighbor confirmed that the victim child was inside the mixer and was deceased. The family had seven other children living in the home. The parents agreed that no children under the age of 10 would be allowed outside of the home without direct supervision of an adult; the family had the support of other adults in the community to assist with supervision. The agency opened the family for ongoing services. The victim child's father was charged with involuntary manslaughter and endangering the welfare of children. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

8. A 5-month-old female child died on July 16, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Lancaster County Children and Youth Social Services Agency indicated the report on September 13, 2018, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the mother stated she found the victim child unresponsive. The victim child was brought into the emergency room and presented in cardiac arrest. The victim child was pronounced dead at the hospital. An autopsy revealed hemorrhaging in the child's esophagus, lungs, neck, tongue, thyroid, and cranial fossa. The autopsy ruled the victim child's death to be homicide from strangulation or suffocation. The mother's account of what she was doing around the time of the victim child's death changed several times. The victim child's father was not at home at the time of the incident. The mother was arrested and charged with criminal homicide, aggravated assault and strangulation by blocking the nose/mouth of a person. At the time the report was indicated, the victim child's mother was incarcerated awaiting trial. There were no other children in the home. There were no additional services provided to the family. The family was previously known to child welfare. The family was previously known to the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. In October 2016, while residing in Onondaga County, New York, the mother had another child that died when 3-months-old. The cause of death of the child was ruled "undetermined"; as a result of the case in Pennsylvania, the case in New York was reopened. The family was also previously known to Berks County Children and Youth Services (BCCYS). In February 2018, BCCYS received a referral that the mother tested positive for substances at the birth of the victim child. The agency was in the process of setting up services when the family moved to Syracuse, New York. BCCYS made a referral to Onondaga County, New York, and the family was opened for services from March to April in New York. The family's services in New York were closed due to compliance with behavioral health treatment.

Montgomery

9. A 2-month-old female child died on June 23, 2018, as a result of serious physical neglect. Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth (MCOCY) indicated the report on August 2, 2018, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the mother fell asleep in bed with the victim child while the victim child's father slept on a sofa downstairs. In the morning, the father found the victim child in the bed, facedown, wedged under mother, and not breathing. The father began cardiopulmonary resuscitation while mother contacted emergency medical services (EMS). The victim child was transported to a local hospital by EMS, where she was pronounced dead upon arrival. An autopsy was performed, but no cause of death had been determined at the time the report was indicated. The mother admitted to consuming alcohol on the date of the incident. The victim child had four siblings, who initially went to stay with a paternal aunt, however, a safety plan was then initiated in which the maternal grandfather remained in the home with the parents. The family received ongoing services including substance use education and treatment. The parents were subject to randomized substance use testing, and the mother received behavior health services. At the time this report was indicated, no criminal charges were filed. The family was previously known to child welfare. In August 2009, MCOCY received a general protective

services referral was received alleging that the mother was under the influence of substances while caring for the victim child's sibling. The case was opened for ongoing services and closed in February 2010 when no further safety concerns appeared evident.

Northampton

10. A 4-month-old female child died on August 4, 2018, as a result of serious physical neglect. Northampton County Children, Youth and Families Division (NCCYFD) indicated the report on September 7, 2018, naming the victim child's father and father's paramour as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found unresponsive in the home of the father's paramour. The father and father's paramour had left the children unsupervised in the home on the evening prior to, and into the early morning of, the date of the incident. The father and father's paramour had been consuming alcohol and marijuana prior to the victim child being found unresponsive. There were five other children in the home on the date of the incident, including the victim child's three siblings and the victim child's father's paramour's two children. The maternal grandmother had custody of two of the three victim child's siblings and they remained in her care. The agency implemented a safety plan for the victim child's third sibling and pursued emergency custody for placement into foster care. The father's paramour's two children's father responded on the date of the incident to take those two children into his custody. The family was accepted for services; the agency provided reunification services including sibling visitation, early intervention, and counseling services. At the time the case was indicated, the criminal case was under investigation and both perpetrators were incarcerated. The family was previously known to child welfare. In March 2018, NCCYFD received a general protective services (GPS) referral regarding parental substance use and concerns regarding an inappropriate caregiver; the referral was determined to be valid. The victim child's father's paramour's family also was previously known to child welfare. In January 2018, NCCYFD received a child protective services referral regarding serious physical neglect; the referral was indicated. In the same month, a GPS referral regarding lack of supervision was received and determined to be valid.

Philadelphia

11. A 2-year-old female child died on May 4, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on July 2, 2018, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the mother sent a text message to the father stating that she killed the victim child. Upon the father's arrival to the home, he called emergency medical services (EMS). When EMS arrived, the father escorted the paramedics to the bathroom where the victim child was unresponsive on the floor. The victim child was transported to the nearby hospital where she was pronounced dead. The autopsy report revealed the victim child's cause of death to be homicidal drowning. There were no other children in the home. At the time this report was indicated, the victim child's mother was charged with murder, involuntary manslaughter,

endangering the welfare of children, and was incarcerated awaiting trial. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

12. A 13-month-old male child died on July 2, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services (PDHS) indicated the report on August 24, 2018, naming the victim child's mother and mother's paramour as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the mother found the victim child unresponsive. The victim child was transported to the hospital and was pronounced dead. An autopsy report revealed significant external bruising as well as internal bruising and injuries. According to the pathologist, the victim child had deep bruising on the stomach and old rib fractures and scarring. The mother and her paramour were the primary caretakers of the victim child. The victim child had two siblings who reside with the maternal grandmother and aunt. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was ongoing. The family was previously known to child welfare. In June 2018, PDHS received a general protective services referral for the victim child's sibling testing positive for substances at birth. The family was open for services at the time of the victim child's death.
13. A 6-year-old male child died on July 12, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services (PDHS) indicated the report on August 29, 2018, naming the victim child's mother and the mother's paramour as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child sustained injuries to his torso, including fractured ribs and a laceration to the spleen. The victim child succumbed to his injuries and the cause of death was determined to be blunt force trauma. The mother's paramour was the only caretaker for the victim child at the time of the incident and admitted to body slamming the victim child while under the influence of substances. The victim child's mother was aware of the paramour's use of substances and previous use of inappropriate discipline. The victim child had one sibling who was removed from the home; the sibling was assessed for injury and placed with kin. At the time the report was indicated, the mother's paramour had been arrested and charged with the victim child's death. The family was previously known to child welfare. In March and June 2018, PDHS received two child protective services reports regarding alleged physical injuries; both reports were investigated and determined to be unfounded.
14. A 4-month-old male child died on August 15, 2018, as a result of serious physical neglect. The Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on September 17, 2018, naming an unrelated babysitter as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found by the babysitter face down in his pack 'n' play in cardiac arrest. The victim child was transported to the hospital, where he was later pronounced dead. The babysitter reported that the victim child did not eat all day and was lethargic on the date of the incident. It was determined that the babysitter had failed to provide adequate supervision. The victim child had one sibling that resided in the household and was determined to be safe in the care of the parents. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Schuykill

15. A 3-month old male child died on June 30, 2018, as a result of serious physical neglect. Schuylkill County Children and Youth Services (SCCYS) indicated the report on August 17, 2018, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the mother fell asleep with the victim child on a recliner. The mother awoke and discovered the victim child was cold and stiff. A household member called emergency medical services (EMS) and began cardiopulmonary resuscitation. EMS and the county coroner arrived at the home and pronounced the victim child deceased. The father was court ordered to supervise all contact between the mother and victim child and failed to comply. The mother admitted to using methamphetamine within 24 hours of the victim child's death. The victim child had one sibling in the home. A safety plan was put into place and the sibling was placed with a maternal aunt and uncle. The family received services through SCCYS. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation and autopsy results were pending. The family was previously known to child welfare. SCCYS had been involved with the family from the time of the birth of the sibling in March 2017; the family was open for services at the time of this fatality report.

Near Fatalities

Allegheny

1. A 5-year-old male child nearly died on May 11, 2018, as a result of serious physical neglect. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth and Families (ACOCYF) indicated the report on July 18, 2018, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was admitted to the hospital due to complications with cystic fibrosis. The victim child presented in respiratory distress and was diagnosed with pneumonia. The victim child's mother failed to seek the appropriate medical care and interventions needed to manage the victim child's illness. The physician stated that the victim child's life expectancy was reduced due to repeated lack of medical care. The victim child remained in the hospital until being discharged to a foster family on July 18, 2018. The victim child had three siblings, who remained in the home with the mother after a safety assessment was completed and the children were determined to be safe. ACOCYF provided in-home and early intervention services to the family. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family was previously known to child welfare. Between 2014 and 2017 ACOCYF received referrals regarding concerns related to lack of supervision, neglect, lack of medical care/failure to provide medical treatment, domestic violence, and truancy. The family was open for services at the time of this near fatality report due to a child protective services report received in November 2017 regarding serious physical neglect of the victim child. Although ACOCYF was unable to substantiate the 2017 report, the family was receiving services at the time of the incident.
2. A 16-month-old female child nearly died on July 28, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth and Families indicated the report on August 24, 2018, naming the victim child's mother's paramour as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child

was transported to a local hospital due to vomiting and lethargy. The victim child presented at the local hospital in hemorrhagic shock. The victim child was transferred to a regional pediatric hospital. It was determined that the victim child sustained fractures to the left ribs, lacerations to the liver and spleen, internal bleeding, and abdominal and head bruising. The physician confirmed that the victim child's injuries were indicative of physical abuse. The mother's paramour was the caretaker of the victim child at the time of the incident, and he admitted to punching the victim child. At the time the report was indicated, the mother's paramour had been arrested and charged with aggravated assault, reckless endangerment, and endangering the welfare of a child. The case was not accepted for services due to the paramour no longer being involved with the victim child or her mother. A case was opened for services for the paramour, his child, and his child's mother. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Beaver

3. An 8-year-old male child nearly died on June 26, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Beaver County Children and Youth Services (BCCYS) indicated the report on July 26, 2018, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was admitted to the hospital due to being emaciated and malnourished. The victim child received his food through a feeding tube and had not been receiving an adequate amount of food. The victim child remained at a rehabilitation hospital to receive ongoing treatment for feeding issues. At the time the report was indicated, the victim child was adjudicated dependent and planned to be discharged to a medical treatment facility due to specialized medical needs. The victim child had no siblings. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family was previously known to child welfare. In March 2018, BCCYS received a general protective services referral regarding concerns with the victim child's weight; the report was determined to be invalid. The victim child was referred to the county intellectual disabilities department for support. The family was open with BCCYS from 2014 through 2016 regarding medical neglect. The victim child was receiving in-home nursing services; the family was able to maintain medical appointments and the case was closed for services.

Carbon

4. A 3-year-old female child nearly died on June 24, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Carbon County Children and Youth Services (CCCYS) indicated the report on August 13, 2018, naming the victim child's mother's paramour as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the mother's paramour reported that he had stumbled while carrying the victim child down the stairs which caused the victim child to fall and hit her head. The victim child was hospitalized due to sustaining a severe brain bleed and subsequently underwent multiple surgeries. A medical consultation determined that the mother's paramour's explanation of the accidental injury was not plausible and that the extent of the bleed indicated a delay in treatment. The victim child was discharged to a rehabilitation facility. The victim child was adjudicated dependent on August 27, 2018, and custody of the victim child was transferred to the county agency. CCCYS was pursuing

placement with kin for the victim child upon discharge from the hospital. There were no other children residing in the home. The case was opened for services with CCCYS; the mother and the mother's paramour were referred for parenting classes and behavioral health treatment. The mother's paramour was court ordered to have no contact with the child. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was ongoing. The family was previously known to child welfare. In September 2017, Delaware County Children and Youth Services received a general protective services referral alleging parental substance use; the report was determined to be invalid.

Chester

5. A 3-month-old female child nearly died on June 15, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Chester County Department of Children, Youth and Families (CCDCYF) indicated the report on July 9, 2018, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the father reported that he had been bouncing the victim child on his knee, and the victim child had fallen approximately a foot's distance onto the wooden floor. The victim child had sustained a large subdural hematoma and medical professionals believed that the injuries sustained by the victim child were inconsistent with the father's statement. There were no other children in the home. CCDCYF assessed the victim child's safety and found her to be safe with her mother and maternal grandparents. The family was accepted for services. The mother was provided behavioral health treatment and the case was closed due to the mother's compliance with services. At the time the report was indicated, the victim child's father was charged with aggravated assault, endangering the welfare of children, recklessly endangering another person, and he was incarcerated. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Clarion

6. A 4-month-old male child nearly died on February 28, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Clarion County Children and Youth Services founded the report on April 18, 2018, naming an unknown perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child's mother transported the victim child to a local hospital due to an increasing head circumference. The victim child was then transferred via ambulance to the regional pediatric hospital where he was admitted to the pediatric intensive care unit. The victim child was diagnosed with a large bilateral chronic subdural hematoma, biparietal skull fractures, and macular and posterior pole hemorrhages in both eyes. According to the physician, this constellation of injuries was indicative of abusive head trauma. The county investigated and determined that the victim child had been abused but could not determine the perpetrator. The victim child was taken into protective custody on February 26, 2018, and placed into non-relative foster care. The victim child was adjudicated dependent on March 15, 2018, and was court ordered to remain in care. The victim child was moved from a licensed foster home to a formal kinship care home. The victim child had three siblings who remained in the home. The 17-month-old sibling received a full body scan and was found to be free of injury. The family received services including supervised visits and the provision of transportation/gas cards for the family to travel to Pittsburgh for medical

appointments. The family was previously known to child welfare. In December 2015, Venango County Children and Youth Services received a general protective service report regarding the victim child's biological father's other child being born substance exposed; it was determined that the child's mother had a prescription for the substance and the case was closed.

Dauphin

7. A 2-month-old female child nearly died on June 2, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Dauphin County Social Services for Children and Youth (DCSSCY) indicated the report on August 1, 2018, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child's mother took the victim child to primary care physician (PCP) due to concerns that the victim child appeared to be twitching. The PCP identified that the victim child was having seizures, and subsequently sent the victim child to the hospital. At the hospital, the child was found to have both new and old subdural hematomas and skull fractures. When interviewed, the victim child's mother was unable to provide an explanation for the child's injuries and the father refused to be interviewed. The parents were the sole caregivers for the victim child during the time that the injuries occurred, and it was discovered that the parents were utilizing illegal substances while caring for the victim child. The victim child had an older sibling residing in the home at the time of the incident. DCSSCY put a safety plan in place for both children; the children were to be cared for by their maternal aunt and grandmother with all contact with the parents supervised. At the time the report was indicated, the victim child's mother had been criminally charged with aggravated assault and two counts of endangering the welfare of a minor and the victim child's father had been criminally charged with two counts of endangering the welfare of a minor. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Delaware

8. An 18-month-old female nearly died on June 6, 2018, as a result of serious physical neglect. Delaware County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on July 31, 2018, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the mother and victim child were visiting with the maternal grandmother. The victim child's mother observed the child with multiple pills in her mouth and was not sure how many pills the child had ingested. The medication that the child ingested was Valsartan, a blood pressure medication. The victim child was transported via ambulance to a local hospital and subsequently transferred to a local children's hospital for treatment. Upon discharge from the hospital, the victim child was placed into foster care. There were no other children in the home. At the time this report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family was previously known to child welfare. In December 2016, a general protective services report was received regarding a lack of caregiver and concerns with behavioral health of the caregiver; the report was determined valid and the victim child was placed into foster care until being returned to the mother in July 2017. The mother was known as a subject child.

Greene

9. A 2-year-old male child nearly died on May 31, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Greene County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on July 26, 2018, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was brought to a local hospital after ingesting the mother's Suboxone. The victim child appeared lethargic, drowsy, and had limited response, although the victim child never lost consciousness. The victim child received Narcan and was flown to the local regional pediatric hospital where additional Narcan was received. The victim child was discharged hours later into the mother's care. The mother was the sole caretaker of the child at the time of the incident. The mother completed an assessment through county drug and alcohol and early intervention services were started for the victim child. There were no other children in the home. At the time the report was indicated, there had been no criminal charges filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Lehigh

10. An 8-month-old female child nearly died on July 15, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Lehigh County Office of Children and Youth Services (LCOCYS) indicated the report on September 19, 2018, naming the victim child's father, father's paramour, paternal grandmother, and a 16-year-old cousin as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was evaluated at a local emergency room following a diagnosis of a right parietal skull fracture and right-side swelling; there was a small bleed under the skull fracture and the victim child also had bruising to her right posterior thigh and severe diaper rash. The victim child was admitted to the medical facility due to the injuries sustained. The injuries sustained by the victim child were indicative of non-accidental trauma, as the victim child was non-ambulatory. It was determined that the injuries were sustained over a period of several days and there were multiple caretakers for the victim child during the period when the injuries occurred. The victim was placed in a kinship care placement and was provided permanency planning. The victim child had a half-sibling who remained in the care of the parents and received in home services. At the time this report was indicated, the criminal investigation was ongoing. The family was previously known to child welfare. In October 2017, LCOCYS received a general protective services referral regarding substance use by the mother while pregnant with the victim child. Following the birth of the victim child, the father obtained legal custody. Short term supportive services were implemented for the family and the case was closed in November 2017.

Northampton

11. A 2-year-old male child nearly died on June 14, 2018, as a result of serious physical neglect. Northampton County Children, Youth and Families Division (NCCYFD) indicated the report on July 20, 2018, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found by his maternal uncle with a prescription pill bottle and

other items from his mother's purse. The mother had left the child unsupervised while in the bathroom and did not request another person to supervise the victim child. The mother came out of the bathroom upon request of the uncle, at which time the victim child was screaming and unable to walk. During the time the mother was in the bathroom and the victim child was left unsupervised, the victim child had ingested approximately six Lamictal pills, a seizure medication. A safety plan was implemented, and the victim child went to reside with his father, who had pursued custody. The mother and victim child were residing with the victim child's maternal uncle and his family, which included children who were determined to be safe. The parents and victim child were accepted for services and a referral was made for early intervention services. The mother received services through a community service provider and had supervised visitation with the victim child at the agency. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was ongoing. The family was previously known to child welfare. In January 2017, NCCYFD received a general protective service referral due to allegations of domestic violence in the home. The case was closed in February 2017 because the mother had multiple family supports and there were no further safety threats.

Northumberland

12. A 22-month-old female child nearly died on June 1, 2018, as a result of serious physical neglect. Northumberland County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on July 30, 2018, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child's mother had picked the victim child up from the grandmother's home after work. Upon arriving home, the mother observed that the victim child had fallen asleep in the car and made the decision to leave her in the car while she went into the house to shower and lay down. The mother awoke several hours later with the victim child still in the car and contacted emergency medical services due to the victim child convulsing and foaming at the mouth. The child was transported to a local hospital and presented in respiratory arrest. The victim child was unresponsive and had to be intubated. The victim child was then life flighted to another hospital, where the victim child was treated for heat stroke. The victim child's father was granted full custody, and the mother was permitted supervised visits. The family was accepted for in-home services. There were no other children in the home. At the time the report was indicated, there were no criminal charges filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Philadelphia

13. A 3-year-old male child nearly died on July 7, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. The Philadelphia Department of Human Services (PDHS) indicated the report on September 5, 2018, naming the victim child's father and mother as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child and his siblings were visiting with their father with whom they do not reside. When the children were returned home, the mother took the victim child to a local hospital. The victim child presented at the hospital with bruising on the trunk, abdomen, genitals, and extremities. A computed tomography

scan was performed which showed that the victim child also had sustained internal injuries, which were indicative of abuse. The victim child was then transferred to a specialized pediatric hospital. The victim child had two siblings, who were also brought to the specialized pediatric hospital for examination; the siblings were also found to have substantial injuries. The mother was aware that abuse was occurring and continued to allow the father to care for the children. The victim child and siblings were treated, discharged from the hospital, and then placed in a foster home by order of the court. Visitation by the parents had been temporarily discontinued as per court order. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending, and no criminal charges had been filed. The family was previously known to child welfare. In December 2017, PDHS received a child protective services report due to multiple healing rib fractures discovered when the victim child's sibling was brought to the hospital with symptoms of chest congestion. The report was unfounded because an investigation could not be completed when the mother absconded to another state, but a report was made to that state's social services department.

14. A 2-month-old female child nearly died on July 8, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. The Philadelphia Department of Human Services (PDHS) indicated the report on September 6, 2018, naming the victim child's father and mother as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was brought to a specialized pediatric hospital by her mother to receive a skeletal survey and other tests due a report of physical abuse by the father and the near fatality of the victim child's 3-year-old sibling. The victim child and her siblings had been visiting with their father with whom they do not reside at the time of the incident. The victim child was examined and was found to have fractured ribs, a lacerated liver and spleen, and a possible fracture of the femur. The mother was aware that abuse was occurring and continued to allow the father to care for the children. The victim child had two siblings. The victim child and the two siblings were treated, discharged from the hospital, and placed in a foster home together by order of the court. Visitation by the parents was temporarily discontinued as per court order. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending, and no criminal charges had been filed. The family was previously known to child welfare. In December 2017, PDHS received a child protective services report due to multiple healing rib fractures discovered when the victim child's sibling was brought to the hospital with symptoms of chest congestion. The report was unfounded because an investigation could not be completed when the mother absconded to another state, but a report was made to that state's social services department.
15. A 23-month-old male child nearly died on July 8, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. The Philadelphia Department of Human Services (PDHS) indicated the report on September 5, 2018, naming the victim child's father and mother as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was brought to a specialized pediatric hospital by his mother to receive a skeletal survey and other medical tests due to a report of physical abuse by the father and near fatality of the victim child's 3-year-old sibling. The victim child and his siblings had been visiting with their father with whom they do not reside at the time of the incident. The victim child was examined and

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was diagnosed with a lacerated liver and rib fractures; medical documentation supported the cause of the victim child's injuries as being non-accidental inflicted trauma. The mother was aware that abuse was occurring and continued to allow the father to care for the children. The victim child had two siblings. The victim child and two siblings were treated, discharged from the hospital, and placed in a foster home together by order of the court. Visitation by the parents was temporarily discontinued as per court order. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending, and no criminal charges had been filed. The family was previously known to child welfare. In December 2017, PDHS received a child protective services report due to multiple healing rib fractures discovered when the victim child was brought to the hospital with symptoms of chest congestion. The report was unfounded because an investigation could not be completed when the mother absconded to another state, but a report was made to that state's social services department.