

## **Fatalities**

### Allegheny

1. A 3-year-old male child died on February 3, 2021, as a result of physical abuse. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth, and Families indicated the report on March 3, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and the mother's paramour as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the paramour contacted the mother and reported the child was unable to breathe and emergency medical services (EMS) were contacted. Upon EMS's arrival the child was found unresponsive, not breathing with no pulse, and was subsequently transported to the local hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, it was determined the child sustained a subdural hematoma, a subarachnoid hemorrhage, a skull fracture, and several facial bruises and ear bruises. The injuries led to extensive swelling of the brain which subsequently caused the child's death. The physician determined that the injuries were the result of inflicted trauma. It was determined through the investigation the paramour was the sole caretaker for the child on the date of the incident despite the mother having concerns regarding the paramour harming the child. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother's paramour had been criminally charged, and no criminal charges had been filed against the mother. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

### Armstrong

2. A 2-month-old female child died on December 29, 2020, as a result of serious physical neglect. Armstrong County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on February 12, 2021, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of incident, the victim child was found unresponsive in the parents' bed and emergency medical services (EMS) were contacted. EMS was unable to resuscitate the child and the child was pronounced dead. Initially, it was suspected the child died as a result of co-sleeping with the mother however, an autopsy revealed the child had an illegal substance in her system which contributed to the child's death. It was determined through the investigation the mother used the illegal substance while breastfeeding the child. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the two other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed in foster 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.

### Bedford

3. A 3-month-old female child died on January 2, 2021, as a result of physical abuse. Bedford County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on March 2, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child's mother and father found the child dead and emergency services were contacted. It was determined through the investigation the child died as a result of an inappropriate and unsafe sleeping environment and drug screenings revealed that the mother and the father were under the influence of illegal substances at the time of the incident.

There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother and the father had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

#### Clinton

4. A 9-year-old male child died on November 30, 2020, as a result of physical abuse. Clinton County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on January 25, 2021, naming the victim child's maternal aunt as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, police were called to the maternal aunt's home by a concerned relative and the victim child was found deceased in a bathtub. The child was found by police fully clothed and it was determined the child had been in the bathtub for approximately 16-24 hours. The preliminary autopsy results stated the child sustained blunt force trauma to the head, neck, and torso, cigarette-type burns, a broken toe, and bruises and lacerations in various stages of healing on the body including the genital area. It was determined through the investigation the maternal aunt dressed the unresponsive child, placed the child in the bathtub, and did not seek medical attention for the child. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the five other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed with a relative and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the maternal aunt had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.

#### Dauphin

5. A 1-month-old male child died on November 5, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Dauphin County Social Services for Children and Youth indicated the report on February 5, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On December 7, 2020, an addendum was made to the initial autopsy which revealed the victim child died as a result of complications of asphyxia and the manner of death was updated to be homicide. On the date of the incident the child sustained a microfracture to the right side of the skull, soft tissue trauma, a bruise to the head, subdural hematomas, petechial hemorrhages to the thymus, lungs, and heart, hemorrhages to the liver and adrenal gland, and a damaged frenulum. The child showed signs of damage to the neck from compression caused by force applied to the neck. There was evidence of old and new injuries to the child which indicated that the child had injuries prior to death for which no medical treatment was sought. It was determined through the investigation the mother and the father were the sole caretakers of the child at the time of the incident. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

#### Delaware

6. An 18-month-old female child died on January 20, 2021, as a result of physical abuse. Delaware County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on March 18, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and the mother's paramour as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the police responded to the home of

the victim and found the child lying face-down with bruising on the child's body and the child was pronounced dead. The medical examiner determined the child died as the result of abusive injuries and the death was a homicide. The child died due to multiple blunt force injuries with excessive loss of blood caused by being beaten. It was determined through the investigation the child initially was in the care of the mother's paramour while the mother was at work however the mother returned home early from work on the date of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the three other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed with their father and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.

#### Fayette

7. A 3-month-old male child died on December 8, 2020, as a result of physical abuse. Fayette County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on January 22, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the father was feeding the victim child, he fumbled, and the child fell face first onto the floor. The father reported he immediately picked up the child and the child went limp. The father reported waking the mother up, who was asleep at the time, and they contacted emergency services. The child was transported to the local hospital and presented in cardiac arrest with an altered mental state. The child had bruising to the face and arms, a frenulum tear, a traumatic brain injury, and healing rib fractures. The child later died as a result of the injuries sustained. As per the physician, the injuries were indicative of abuse. The father and the mother were the sole caretakers of the child at the time of the incident and could not provide a plausible explanation for the injuries sustained. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the one other child in the home at the time of the incident was placed in foster care and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the father had been criminally charged and no criminal charges had been filed against the mother. The family was previously known to child welfare.

#### Lancaster

8. A 4-month-old female child died on December 5, 2020, as a result of serious physical neglect. Lancaster County Children and Youth Social Services Agency indicated the report on February 1, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the mother and the father left the child home in a crib while the mother took the father to work and returned home but left the home two more times; when the mother returned home for the last time the victim child was found unresponsive in the crib by the mother. The child was transported via emergency medical services to the local hospital and was subsequently pronounced dead. The cause of death was listed as complications with asphyxia and the manner of death was underdetermined. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the two other children in the home at the time of the incident remained in the home with the mother and the father with supervision by relatives and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Lackawanna

9. A 5-month-old female child died on August 8, 2020, as a result of serious physical neglect and physical abuse. Lackawanna County Office of Youth and Family Services indicated the report on March 26, 2021, naming the victim child's mother's paramour as the perpetrator. On February 17, 2021, an autopsy confirmed that the victim child died as the result of co-sleeping with two adults, one of which being the mother's paramour. It was determined through the investigation the mother's paramour was under the influence of illegal substances at the time of the incident. On the date of the incident, it was reported the child was found unresponsive by another adult household member, police and emergency medical services were contacted, and the child was pronounced dead. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the one other child in the home at the time of the incident was placed in kinship care and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family was previously known to child welfare.

Lawrence

10. A 4-month-old male child died on August 11, 2020, as a result of serious physical neglect. Lawrence County Children, Youth, Services indicated the report on February 22, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of incident, the victim child was found unresponsive by an older sibling. The older sibling woke the mother, who contacted emergency medical services. The mother performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation while the father gave rescue breaths. The police responded to the home and found an illegal substance. The child was pronounced dead in the home. It was determined through the investigation that the father admitted to using the illegal substance and the mother and the father left the child unsupervised for more than 10 hours which contributed to the child's death. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the one other child in the home at the time of the incident was placed with their father and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother and the father had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.

Lycoming

11. A 5-month-old female child died on January 14, 2021, as a result of physical abuse. Lycoming County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on March 12, 2021, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the mother reported to the police she had killed the victim child and the child was subsequently found by the police dead in the mother's home with marks around the neck. The autopsy results were pending but it is believed the mother strangled or smothered the child to death. Prior to the child's discovery, the mother left the deceased child at her residence and traveled to the child's father's home where an altercation ensued. The mother stole the father's vehicle, crashed it, and was transported to a hospital to be treated for injuries sustained. The mother then reported to the police the death of the child. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother had been

criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

#### Philadelphia

12. An 11-month-old female child died on October 9, 2020, as a result of serious physical neglect Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on January 8, 2021, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On November 17, 2020, an autopsy revealed the victim child died as the result of ingestion of illegal substances and alcohol. On the date of the incident, the neighbors had water leaking in their apartment and went to check on the source of the water in the mother's apartment; the mother was discovered unconscious and the child was found unresponsive in the kitchen sink which was full of water. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) were contacted by the neighbors and when EMS arrived cardiopulmonary resuscitation was initiated. The child was transported to the hospital and subsequently pronounced dead. It was initially suspected the child died as a result of drowning but based on the final autopsy results it was determined the child died as the result of ingestion. It was determined through the investigation the mother was the sole caretaker of the child at the time of the incident. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.
13. A 9-year-old female child died on January 20, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on March 3, 2021, naming the victim child's father and paternal uncle as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was shot by a 12-year-old sibling while left in the care of the paternal uncle while the father was at work. The child's 12-year-old sibling found the firearm and admitted to shooting the child in the head. The sibling then contacted emergency services. When the police arrived on the scene the uncle was not present, and it was unknown how long the children were left unsupervised by the uncle. The child was transported to the hospital and pronounced dead. It was determined through the investigation the firearm belonged to the father, did not have a safety device, and was not securely stored. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the 12-year-old sibling was placed with a relative and the one other child in the home at the time of the incident was placed with their mother. The family received services. At the time the report was indicated, the father had been criminally charged and no criminal charges had been filed against the paternal uncle. The family was previously known to child welfare.

#### Schuylkill

14. A 3-month-old male child died on October 8, 2020, as a result of physical abuse. Schuylkill County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on March 3, 2021, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the father placed the victim child down for tummy time but noticed the child was no longer breathing and emergency medical services were contacted. The police arrived at the home, the child was in cardiac arrest, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation was initiated. The child was transported to a

local hospital where a computerized tomography scan revealed hemorrhaging of the brain indicative of shaken baby syndrome. The child was removed from life support and subsequently died as a result of the injuries sustained. An autopsy was completed, and it was determined the cause of death was blunt force trauma due to shaking and the manner of death was ruled a homicide. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. The family received services. At the time the report was indicated, the father had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

## **Near Fatalities**

### **Allegheny**

1. A 9-month-old female child nearly died on December 1, 2020, as a result of serious physical neglect. The Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth, and Families indicated the report on January 15, 2021, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of incident, the victim child ingested an illegal substance while the mother was napping. The mother was alerted of the situation by the child's siblings. The child was found to be lethargic and unresponsive and emergency services were contacted. The child was transported to the local hospital where a toxicology screening was administered and revealed the child was positive for illegal substances. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed with a relative and there were two other children in the home at the time of the incident who were placed; one child was placed with a relative and the other child was placed with their father. The family received services. At the time the report was indicated, the mother had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
2. A 1-month-old female child nearly died on December 29, 2020, as a result of physical abuse. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth and Families (ACOCYF) indicated the report on February 11, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and the father as the perpetrators. On the date of incident, the victim child was found unresponsive by the father, emergency medical services were contacted, and the child was transported to the local children's hospital. The child presented at the hospital with multiple injuries including skull fractures and subdural hematomas which were indicative of shaken baby syndrome with impact. The child also had healing rib fractures. All of the fractures were noted to be in various stages of healing, which indicated extensive physical abuse of the child prior to the incident. It was determined through the investigation the mother and the father were the sole caretakers of the child at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the mother and the father had supervised visitation with the child and ACOCYF was the court appointed temporary medical decision maker for the child. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending and no criminal charges had been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

### **Beaver**

3. An 11-month-old female child nearly died on November 15, 2020, as a result of physical abuse. Beaver County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on, January 16, 2021, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the mother reported she was carrying the victim child down the stairs and slipped and fell causing the child to fall down the stairs and hit her head; the mother reported checking the child and not noticing any bruising or scalp swelling. On November 20, 2020, while the child was at a primary care appointment, the physician noticed the child was dehydrated and referred the child to a local children's hospital. The child presented at the children's hospital

with an intracranial hemorrhage, altered mental status, retinal hemorrhages, swelling and blood in the neck which was suggestive of a ligament injury, and seizure activity. The report provided by the mother was not a plausible explanation for the injuries sustained by the child and the injuries sustained were indicative of abusive head trauma. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and three other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed with relatives and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family was previously known to child welfare.

#### Berks

4. A 9-month-old male child nearly died on December 6, 2020, as a result of physical abuse. Berks County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on February 3, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the mother and the father contacted emergency medical services (EMS) due to the victim child being unresponsive. Upon EMS' arrival the mother was performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the child was not breathing, apneic, with no pulse. EMS administered Narcan to which the child responded positively. Upon arrival at the hospital, the child received a toxicology screening which revealed the child was positive for an illegal substance. The father received a toxicology screening which was positive for illegal substances. The police searched the home and found remnants of illegal substances and paraphernalia. It was determined through the investigation that the mother was aware of the father's illegal substance use and allowed the father access to the child. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child remained in the home with the mother with all contact being supervised and the father had no contact with the child. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. The family received services. At the time the report was indicated, the father had been criminally charged and there were no criminal charges filed against the mother. The family was previously known to child welfare.

#### Blair

5. A 4-month-old male child nearly died on December 20, 2020, as a result of physical abuse. Blair County Children, Youth, and Families indicated the report on February 17, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the mother and the father reported that a clock fell from a shelf striking the victim child on the head and the child was taken to the local children's hospital. The child presented at the hospital with multiple injuries including a broken arm, a right skull fracture, bruising to the left side of the face, torn retinas, and brain bleeds. The physician's determined the report provided by the parents was not a plausible explanation for the injuries sustained by child. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the one other child in the home at the time of the incident were placed in foster care and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending and no criminal charges had been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.



Butler

6. A 2-year-old female child nearly died on December 10, 2020, as a result of physical abuse. Butler County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on February 5, 2021, naming the victim child's mother's paramour as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported by the mother's paramour that the victim child fell off of a changing table and became unresponsive, emergency medical services were contacted, and the child was transported to the regional pediatric hospital. The child presented at the hospital with subdural hemorrhages, a nondisplaced occipital fracture, retinal hemorrhages, an epidural hemorrhage, and a posterior cervical ligamentous injury. The injuries sustained were indicative of physical abuse and were inconsistent with the account provided by the paramour. The mother's paramour was the sole caretaker of the child at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child would be discharged from the hospital to the care of the father. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother's paramour had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Chester

7. A 9-year-old female child nearly died on November 21, 2020, as a result of physical abuse. Chester County Children, Youth and Families (CCCYF), indicated the report on January 11, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and the mother's paramour as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was in the care of the mother's paramour while the mother was at work; it was reported the mother received a text from the paramour that she needed to return home from work due to the child being unresponsive. The mother reported when she returned home, after a 50-minute commute, the child was in the bathtub and the paramour was performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Emergency medical services were contacted, and the child was transported to the local hospital. The child presented at the hospital unconscious with several injuries. It was determined through the investigation the mother's paramour beat the child several times as a form of discipline and forced the child to stay in a closet with no food or liquids; the mother was aware the paramour was disciplining the child. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child remained in the hospital and was in the custody of CCCYF. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. At the time the report was indicated, the mother and the mother's paramour had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Columbia

8. A 1-month-old female child nearly died on January 11, 2021, as a result of physical abuse. Columbia County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on March 12, 2021, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found by a relative being smothered with a pillow by the mother. The relative was able to get the child away from the mother. The father came into the room and found the child unresponsive, began cardiopulmonary resuscitation, then contacted emergency

medical services. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and two other children in the home at the time of the incident remained with the father and relative and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

#### Crawford

9. A 6-month-old male child nearly died on December 17, 2020, as a result of physical abuse. Crawford County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on February 11, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and the mother's paramour as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the mother was unable to wake the victim child and transported the child to the hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, a computerized tomography scan revealed an acute right front parietal subdermal hematoma. The child was subsequently transported to a local children's hospital and diagnosed with retinal hemorrhaging, a torn bridge vein in the brain, and bilateral subdural hematomas. It was determined through the investigation the mother and the mother's paramour were the sole caretakers of the child on the date of the incident and provided multiple accounts of how the child sustained the injuries which were inconsistent with the resulting injuries. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and two other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed with relatives and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother's paramour had been criminally charged and no criminal charges had been filed against the mother. The family was previously known to child welfare.

#### Dauphin

10. A 3-month-old male child nearly died on January 29, 2021, as a result of physical abuse. Dauphin County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on February 23, 2021, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the father reported the victim child became unresponsive and stopped breathing due to the father falling while holding the child. Emergency services were contacted, and the child was transported to the local hospital. The child presented at the hospital with bilateral subdural hematomas, bilateral retinal hemorrhages, and bruising on both knees. The hospital reported the father's explanation was not plausible for the injuries sustained by the child and the injuries were indicative of physical abuse. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the one other child in the home at the time of the incident were placed with a relative and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the father had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
11. A 13-month-old female child nearly died on November 19, 2020, as a result of physical abuse. Dauphin County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on January 15, 2021, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the mother reported the victim child became unresponsive and the mother transported the child to the hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, Narcan was administered to which the child responded positively. The child received a toxicology screening which revealed the child tested positive for an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that the

child's father had illegal substances in the home and the child's mother was unaware the substances were in the home or that the father was using substances in the home. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the two other children in the home at the time of the incident remained in the mother's care with the father having no contact and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the father had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

#### Delaware

12. A 3-month-old male nearly died on November 28, 2020, as a result of physical abuse. Delaware County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on January 28, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the mother and the father reported the victim child had been vomiting and they transported the child to the local children's hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, a computerized tomography scan revealed the child had multiple intercranial hemorrhages. The parents reported the injuries could have been from a fall out of bed a month prior however, the physicians reported the parent's account was not a plausible explanation for the injuries sustained and the injuries were considered nonaccidental in nature. The mother and the father were the sole caretakers of the child at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed in foster care and services were provided. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
13. A 5-month-old male child nearly died on November 26, 2020, as a result of serious physical neglect and physical abuse. Delaware County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on January 26, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child fell onto a hardwood floor, which was unwitnessed, and the child became unresponsive. Emergency medical services were contacted, and the child was transported to the local children's hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, the child was found to have intraretinal hemorrhages and acute chronic subdural bleed. The explanation provided by the parents was not plausible for the injuries sustained and the injuries were in various stages of healing. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed with a relative and the two other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed with their respective parent. The family received services. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
14. A 4-month-old male child nearly died as a result of serious physical neglect. Delaware County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on March 26, 2021, naming the mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the mother reported the victim child was found limp and emergency medical services were contacted. The child presented at the hospital with a fever, in respiratory distress, and extremely malnourished. It was determined through the investigation the mother was feeding the child hemp and seaweed milk as an

alternative to breast milk. The lack of appropriate nourishment provided by the mother caused the child to go into cardiac arrest. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed with a relative and services were provided. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

15. A 10-month-old female child nearly died on December 16, 2020, as a result of serious physical neglect. Delaware County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on February 11, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the mother and the father noticed the victim child was not breathing, emergency services were contacted, and the child was transported to the hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, the child was administered Narcan to which the child responded positively. The child was given a toxicology screening which revealed the child tested positive for an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation the child ingested an illegal substance in the home while in the care of the mother and the father. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed with a relative and services were provided. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

#### Franklin

16. A 15-year-old male child nearly died on January 15, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Franklin County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on March 9, 2021, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child presented at the hospital and was found to have two severe sacral ulcers with a severe infection caused by the ulcers. The child was determined to have severe blood sepsis infection due to the of lack of care and treatment of the ulcers. It was determined through the investigation the mother had not sought medical treatment for any of child's medical conditions in at least a year and a half. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the three other children in the home at the time of the incident remained in the home and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.

#### Greene

17. A 3-year-old female child nearly died on January 18, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Greene County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on February 17, 2021, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child ingested the father's prescribed medication. It was reported the father left the pills accessible to the child, the mother returned to the home, found the child with puffy cheeks, and the child reported to the mother that she had ingested medication. The mother transported the child to the local hospital where it was confirmed the child ingested prescribed medication and Narcan was administered. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and two other children in the home at the

time of the incident remained in the home with all contact with the father being supervised and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the father had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

#### Indiana

18. A 12-month-old male child nearly died on March 2, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Indiana County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on March 22, 2021, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child presented to a local emergency room unresponsive and in cardiac arrest after ingesting illegal substances. The child was stabilized and transported to a regional trauma center. A toxicology screening was administered to the mother which revealed the mother was positive for several illegal substances. The mother was the sole caretaker of the child on the date of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed in foster care and services were provided. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. At the time the report was indicated, the mother had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

#### Lancaster

19. An 8-month-old male child nearly died on January 29, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect and physical abuse. Lancaster County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on March 29, 2021, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found unresponsive by the father. The father contacted emergency medical services (EMS). Upon EMS' arrival, the child was found to have pinpoint pupils and agonal respirations therefore, Narcan was administered to which the child responded positively. Upon arrival at the hospital, the child received a toxicology screening which revealed the child was positive for illegal substances. It was determined through the investigation the mother was the sole caretaker of the child and was actively using an illegal substance at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed in kinship care and services were provided. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. At the time the report was indicated, the mother had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

#### Lebanon

20. An 11-year-old male child nearly died on January 13, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect and physical abuse. Lebanon County Children and Youth Services founded the report on February 25, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found by the mother unresponsive, cold, and limp and emergency medical services were contacted. The child was transported to the local hospital. The child presented at the hospital with bruises on the arms, posterior left shoulder, abdomen, left hip, penis, and back, the skin was hyperpigmented around the neck, the blood pressure was very low, electrolytes were abnormal, and the

sodium level was high. Upon arrival at the hospital, the child's body temperature was very low and it was determined the child was exposed to extreme cold for a significant amount of time. The mother reported the child was self-injurious however, the injuries sustained by the child were indicative of abuse. It was determined through the investigation, the child ingested bleach water due to fluids being withheld from the child. The mother and the father were the sole caretakers of the child at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the four other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed in foster care and services were provided. At the time the report was founded, the mother and the father had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

#### Luzerne

21. An 11-month-old male child nearly died on January 20, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect and physical abuse. Luzerne County Children and Youth Agency indicated the report on February 19, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the mother contacted a relative and reported the victim child was choking on dog food; the relative picked the child up from the home and began to transport the child to the hospital due to the child being blue in color and gasping for air. The relative flagged down the police on the side of the road and the child was transported the rest of the way to hospital by the local police. Upon arrival at the hospital, Narcan was administered and the child was revived with the Narcan. The child received a toxicology screening which revealed the child tested positive for illegal substances. The police executed a search warrant at the home of the mother and the father and illegal substance paraphernalia was found. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed in kinship care and services were provided. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.

#### Lycoming

22. An 8-month-old female child nearly died on February 16, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect and physical abuse. Lycoming County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on March 29, 2021, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child became unresponsive and emergency medical services were contacted. Upon arrival at the hospital the child was administered Narcan to which the child responded positively. The child received a toxicology screening which revealed the child was positive for several illegal substances; the mother also tested positive for the same illegal substances. It was determined through the investigation the mother was the sole caretaker of the child at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the one other child in the home at the time of the incident were placed in kinship care and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.

Northampton

23. A 3-year-old female child nearly died on January 3, 2021, as a result of physical abuse and serious physical neglect. Northampton County Children, Youth, and Families indicated the report on March 5, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and maternal uncle as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported that while in the care of the maternal uncle the victim child had fallen down the stairs which was followed by the child vomiting. The child was brought to a medical clinic by the mother and presented with bruises to the forehead, jawline, cheeks, left ear, lower back, buttocks, arm, and both legs. The bruises were in multiple stages of healing. The child also had a ruptured ear drum and an acute subdural hemorrhage. It was determined through the investigation, the maternal uncle threw the child over a flight of stairs, hit, and kicked the child and the mother and maternal uncle delayed seeking medical care for the child. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and one other child in the home at the time of the incident were placed in foster care and the three other children in the home at the time of incident were placed with their father. The family received services. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Philadelphia

24. A 4-year-old female child nearly died on January 12, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect and physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on March 12, 2021, naming the victim child's foster parent as the perpetrator and an unknown perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found unresponsive by the foster mother and emergency medical services were contacted. The child was transported to the local children's hospital and presented with labored breathing, malnourished, dehydrated, and subdural hemorrhaging. It was determined through the investigation that the foster mother failed to seek appropriate medical care for the child. It was also determined through the investigation that the child had a subdural hemorrhage in various stages of healing for which a perpetrator could not be identified. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and one other child in the home at the time of the incident were placed in separate new foster homes and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
25. A 2-week-old male child nearly died on January 4, 2021, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on February 5, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was found unresponsive by the father, and the parents contacted emergency medical services (EMS). The father performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation on the child until EMS arrived and the child was transported to the local hospital. The child presented at the hospital with fractures of the shoulder, leg and arm bones, abusive head trauma, and blood in the spinal column. The mother and father could not provide a plausible explanation for the injuries sustained by the child. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the one

other child in the home at the time of the incident were placed with a relative and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother and the father had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

26. A 16-month-old female child nearly died on January 4, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on February 10, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was taken to the local hospital by the mother and the father due to increasing lethargy and becoming unresponsive. Upon arrival at the hospital, the child was administered a toxicology screening which revealed the child was positive for illegal substances. It was determined through the investigation that the illegal substances belonged to the mother and the father was aware the mother was using the illegal substances and that the illegal substances were in the home. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the one other sibling in the home at the time of the incident were placed in foster care and the one other sibling in the home at the time of the incident was placed with their father. The family received services. At the time the report was indicated, the mother and the father had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
27. An 8-year-old male child nearly died on December 31, 2020, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on February 3, 2021, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was found unresponsive by the mother and emergency medical services were contacted. The child was transported to the local children's hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, a toxicology screening was administered which revealed the child was positive for illegal substances. It was determined through the investigation that the mother was the sole caretaker of the child at the time of the incident, and the mother could not provide an explanation as to how the child ingested the substances. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the one other child in the home at the time of the incident were placed with a relative and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family was previously known to child welfare.
28. A 20-month-old male child nearly died on January 3, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on February 3, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child became pale, began to drool, and gasp for air and emergency medical services were contacted. The child was transported to the local children's hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, the child was administered Narcan and was given a toxicology screening which was positive for an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and father took the child to a residence where illegal substances were present, and the parents were responsible for caring for the child. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the two other children in the home at the time of the incident remained in the home with the mother and the father and services were provided. At the time the report was



indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

29. A 12-month-old male child nearly died on January 13, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on February 9, 2021, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was brought to the hospital by the mother due to seizure activity. Upon arrival at the hospital, medical testing revealed the child's seizures were caused by hypocalcemia and the child also suffered from rickets, an iron deficiency, and multiple cardiac issues. The child was found to be severely malnourished. It was determined through the investigation the mother was not seeking appropriate medical care for the child and was not providing the child with adequate nutrition. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the one other child in the home at the time of the incident were placed with a relative and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
30. A 15-month-old male child nearly died on January 29, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on February 17, 2021, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was observed by a relative acting abnormally and emergency medical services were contacted. The child was transported to the hospital and presented with an altered mental status. The child was administered Naloxone and responded positively. The child received a toxicology screening which was positive for illegal substances. It was determined through the investigation the mother used the illegal substance ingested by the child and the mother admitted to being responsible for the child's ingestion of the illegal substance. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed with their father and services were provided. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. At the time the report was indicated, the mother had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
31. A 2-month-old male child nearly died on December 17, 2020, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on January 15, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found to be having a seizure and emergency medical services were contacted by the mother. The child was transported to the local children's hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, a computed tomography scan revealed subdural hemorrhages, bilateral bleeding, cervical swelling, and ligamentous injuries. The child's mother and father could not provide a plausible explanation for the injuries sustained by the child. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed with a relative and services were provided. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. At the time the report was indicated, the mother and the father had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
32. A 20-month-old male child nearly died on November 27, 2020, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated

the report on January 11, 2020, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the mother contacted emergency medical services due to the child not being able to sit up on during a bath. The child was transported to the local children's hospital. The child presented at the hospital with an altered mental status and Narcan was administered to which the child responded positively. It was determined through the investigation the mother was the sole caretaker of the child at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed with a relative and services were provided. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family was previously known to child welfare.

33. A 7-month-old female child nearly died on November 30, 2020, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on January 11, 2021, naming the victim child's maternal grandmother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found by the mother unresponsive in the maternal grandmother's home and the mother transported the child the emergency room. Upon arrival at the hospital, the child was administered a toxicology screening which was positive for illegal substances. It was determined through the investigation the maternal grandmother the sole caretaker for the child at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the two other children in the home at the time of the incident remained in the home with the mother and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
34. A 2-week-old female child nearly died on November 10, 2020, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services (PDHS) indicated the report on January 14, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was brought to the emergency room by the mother and father and presented unresponsive and hypothermic. Further medical testing revealed the child had rib fractures in multiple stage of healing and cerebral edema. The mother and the father were unable to provide a plausible explanation for the injuries sustained by the child. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child remained hospitalized in the custody of PDHS and the one other child in the home at the time of incident was placed in kinship care. The family received services. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
35. A 12-month-old female child nearly died on December 30, 2020, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on February 19, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found unresponsive by the child's mother and emergency medical services were contacted. The child was transported to the children's hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, the child was administered Narcan and responded positively. The child was given a toxicology screening which was positive for an illegal substance. The mother and the father could not provide a plausible explanation as to how the child ingested the illegal substance. As the result of the safety

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assessment completed, the victim child was placed in kinship care and services were provided. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.