

## **Fatalities**

### Allegheny

1. A 3-year-old female child died on August 1, 2019, as a result of serious physical neglect. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth and Families (ACOCYF) indicated the case on September 26, 2019, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the father left the victim child unsupervised near a swimming pool and she fell into the pool and drowned. There were two other children in the home at the time of the incident who were determined safe in the care of mother and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the father had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare. In December 2017, ACOCYF received a general protective services (GPS) referral alleging lack of supervision which was determined invalid and no services were provided. In February 2018, ACOCYF received a GPS referral alleging concerns for parental substance use which was determined valid and services were provided. In June 2018, February, May and August 2019, ACOCYF received four GPS referrals alleging concerns for neglect and lack of supervision which were determined invalid and no services were provided. In July 2019, ACOCYF received a GPS referral alleging concerns for lack of supervision which was determined valid and services were provided. The family was open with ACOCYF family at the time of the incident.

### Bradford

2. A 3-month-old male child died on May 2, 2019, as a result of serious physical neglect. Bradford County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on July 2, 2019, naming the victim child's babysitter as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the father arrived from work to pick up the victim child at the home of the babysitter. The child was limp when the babysitter handed him to the father. The father began cardiopulmonary resuscitation on the child and asked the babysitter to call emergency medical services. The child was transported to a local hospital and was unable to be successfully resuscitated. The babysitter reported putting the child down for a nap on his side on a bed with a pillow against his back, and not checking on him for approximately an hour and a half until the father arrived. The babysitter went to get the child and found him face down and limp, and there was blood on the bed and the child's face. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident and no services were provided to the family. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

### Erie

3. An 8-year-old male child died on May 19, 2019, as a result of serious physical neglect. Erie County Office of Children and Youth indicated the report on July 22, 2019, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child had been left home alone with a sibling and had an asthma attack. The child used a nebulizer with the assistance of the sibling, and then the sibling left the child alone for

approximately twenty minutes. The child appeared to be sleeping when the sibling returned and checked on him, but he was cold to the touch when the sibling returned again later. The sibling then tried to contact the parents using an iPad, but the device was not charged. The sibling was able to get assistance from neighbors to contact emergency medical services. The child was transported via an ambulance to the local hospital and was pronounced dead. The child had an extensive history with asthma and was prescribed medications. It was discovered that the mother had not been refilling and administering the child's prescriptions as directed which exacerbated the child's asthma symptoms and led to the incident. The sibling was placed with a relative as the result of a safety assessment, 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.

#### Dauphin

4. A 15-year-old male child died on July 3, 2019, as a result of serious physical neglect. Dauphin County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on September 6, 2019, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child became unresponsive and law enforcement was dispatched to the home. On the same date of the incident, the child was pronounced dead by the coroner and the toxicology report later revealed that the child had ingested a lethal amount of illegal substances. The mother admitted to buying one of the substances for herself and the child to use but denied purchasing the other substance. The mother acknowledged that the child had been in distress at the time of the incident and reported not seeking medical attention for him. There was one child in the home at the time of the incident who was placed with a relative as the result of a safety assessment 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.

#### Lancaster

5. A 17-year-old male child died on July 20, 2019, as a result of serious physical neglect. The Central Region Office of Children, Youth and Families indicated the report on September 9, 2019, naming a staff member at a group home as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found face down in the deep end of a swimming pool near the lifeguard stand. The child was retrieved from the pool and cardiopulmonary resuscitation was administered by a group home staff member and lifeguard. The child was transported to the emergency department at a local hospital and pronounced dead. The autopsy report indicated that the cause of death was drowning. It was determined through the investigation that the staff member named as the perpetrator was responsible for supervision of the child at the time of the incident. Services were provided to the victim child's family. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare. In May 2016 and May 2019, York County Office of Children, Youth, and Families received general protective services referrals alleging concerns for

truancy and inappropriate sexual contact which were determined valid and services were provided.

#### Lawrence

6. A 12-year-old female child died on July 11, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Lawrence County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on July 26, 2019, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the mother fatally shot the victim child in the head. The mother then lit the house on fire before dying by suicide. 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.
7. An 8-year-old male child died on July 8, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Lawrence County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on August 6, 2019, naming the victim child's mother's paramour as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found dead from multiple stab wounds at the home of the mother's paramour's friend. The investigation determined that an altercation occurred between the mother and paramour in the car while the victim child and his sibling were in the backseat. It was reported that the mother drove the car to a fire department and got out of the vehicle to find help. While the mother was out of the vehicle, the paramour drove away with both children and took them to the home of a friend. The mother's paramour then stabbed the victim child repeatedly; the incident was witnessed by two children who resided in the home of the paramour's friend. The victim child's sibling was placed with a relative as a result of a safety assessment and services were provided. There were no other children in the victim child's home at the time of the incident. At the time the report was indicated, the mother's paramour had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

#### Lebanon

8. A 1-month-old female child died on June 16, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Lebanon County Children and Youth Services (LCCYS) indicated the report on July 19, 2019, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, emergency medical services (EMS) received a report that the victim child was found face down in her crib and was unresponsive. EMS transported the child to the local hospital where attempts made to resuscitate her were unsuccessful. EMS reported that several adult size pillows, stuffed animals and blankets were observed in the child's crib at the time of the incident. At the time the report was indicated, the autopsy report was pending, and the cause of death was unknown. The father was the sole caretaker of the child at the time of the incident. There were four children in the home at the time of the incident who were placed in foster care as a result of a safety assessment, and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare. In October 2018, LCCYS received a child protective services referral for causing bodily injury which was determined founded, but services were already being provided to the

family at the time this referral was received. In May 2019, LCCYS received a general protective services referral alleging parenting concerns which was determined valid and services were provided.

9. A 1-month-old male child died on May 20, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Lebanon County Children and Youth Services (LCCYS) indicated the report on August 27, 2019, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found dead, face-down in his crib. LCCYS received notification of the child's death on July 31, 2019, following the coroner's receipt of the autopsy results which determined that the sleeping environment and position of the child contributed to asphyxiation which caused his death. During the police investigation, the father admitted to putting the child face-down in the crib. There were two children in the home at the time LCCYS became aware of the incident, who were placed with a relative as the result of a safety assessment and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the father had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare. In January of 2018, LCCYS received a general protective services referral alleging concerns for inadequate food, clothing, and hygiene which was determined valid and services were provided.

#### Lehigh

10. A 14-year-old male child died on May 16, 2019, as a result of serious physical neglect. Lehigh County Office of Children and Youth Services (LCOCYS) indicated the report on August 2, 2019, naming the victim child's two nurses as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the alarm sounded on the victim child's monitor and his blood oxygen level reading was low. The two nurses reported responding to the alarm and beginning cardiopulmonary resuscitation, however, video showed that the child's alarm rang for thirty minutes. The video also showed that during those thirty minutes, one of the nurses had been in another child's room for eleven minutes and the second nurse was sitting at the desk outside the victim child's room and did not act. Emergency medical services were contacted, and the child was transported to a medical facility where it was determined that the lack of oxygen to his brain caused his death. There was one child in the victim child's family's home at the time of the incident who was determined safe to remain there, and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare. In September 2017, LCOCYS received a general protective services referral alleging concerns for housing and homelessness which was determined valid and services were provided.

#### Philadelphia

11. A 5-month-old male child died on September 7, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services (PDHS) indicated the report on September 26, 2019, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child's great aunt came to the home of the mother to pick up the child. The great aunt contacted emergency medical services after seeing the child because he appeared dead. When EMS arrived, the child was found in a bassinet with no pulse and

- rigor mortis had set in. The mother admitted to beating the victim child with a large plastic toy and a remote control. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident and no services provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare. In April 2019, PDHS received a general protective services referral alleging parental behavioral health concerns which was determined valid and services were provided. In August 2019, PDHS received a child protective service referral for interfering with breathing of a child which was unfounded, and no services were provided.
12. A 2-year-old male child died on July 1, 2019, as a result of serious physical neglect. The Southeast Region Office of Children, Youth and Families indicated the report on August 26, 2019, naming the victim child's maternal grandmother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found unresponsive in bed. The child was transported to a local medical center and later pronounced dead. Medical evidence and statements made by the maternal grandmother revealed the child had ingested prescription medication that had been diluted in a drink by the maternal grandmother. There were two children in the home at the time of the incident who were placed with a relative as the result of a safety assessment 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. In May 2017, Philadelphia Department of Human Services received a child protective services referral for sexual exploitation of a child through an act or failure to act which was indicated and services were provided.
13. A 1-month-old male child died on May 18, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. The Philadelphia Department of Human Services (PDHS) indicated the report on July 11, 2019, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the mother reported falling asleep and waking up on top of the child. Emergency personnel arrived at the home but attempts at resuscitation were unsuccessful. The mother provided inconsistent accounts of the incident, and it was determined that she was likely under the influence of alcohol at the time of the incident. It was also determined that the mother may have taken substances at the time of the incident, but that part of the investigation was pending at the time the report was indicated. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident, but services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare. In March 2019, PDHS received a general protective services referral alleging concerns for parental substance use which was determined valid and services were provided.

#### Susquehanna

14. A 2-week-old female child died on January 9, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Susquehanna County Services for Children and Youth (SCSCY) indicated the report on July 30, 2019, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, emergency medical services were called by the parents stating that the victim child was dead. The victim child was found unresponsive and transported to a local hospital where she was pronounced dead. The cause of death was determined to be

asphyxiation as a result of co-sleeping with an adult. The mother admitted to using illegal substances on the night of the incident, and then falling asleep while feeding the child in bed. There were four children in the home at the time of the incident who were determined safe in the care of the parents and services were provided to the family. At the time the report was indicated, the mother had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare. In June 2018, SCSCY received a general protective services referral alleging concerns for lack of supervision which was determined invalid and no services were provided.

#### Westmoreland

15. An 11-month-old female child died on July 14, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Westmoreland County Children's Bureau (WCCB) indicated the report on September 5, 2019, naming the victim child's mother's paramour as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the mother's paramour was the caregiver for the victim child while the mother was at work. The paramour reported placing the victim child down for a nap and that she was having difficulty breathing. The paramour then put the child in the bathtub and ran cold water from the faucet over her face. The paramour reported then attempting cardiopulmonary resuscitation but was unsuccessful, and then putting the child in a pack and play and leaving the home. The mother returned home from work and contacted emergency services because she could not find the child. The mother eventually found the child unresponsive underneath a blanket in the pack and play. A family member attempted cardiopulmonary resuscitation, which was unsuccessful. The preliminary autopsy report indicated the victim child was drowned. There were two children in the home at the time of the incident who were placed into kinship care as the result of a safety assessment and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the paramour had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare. In May 2018, WCCB received a general protective services (GPS) referral alleging concerns for a child sexually acting out which was determined invalid and services were offered but were declined. In July 2018, WCCB received a GPS referral alleging concerns for parental substance use which was screened out and no services were provided.

#### York

16. A 2-month-old male child died on March 15, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. York County Office of Children, Youth and Families (YCOCYF) indicated the report on September 5, 2019, naming the victim child's two babysitters as the perpetrators. On the date of incident, the child was co-sleeping with the babysitters and was found unresponsive when the babysitters awoke. The child was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced dead. The babysitters admitted to being under the influence at the time of 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 was previously known to child welfare. In October 2008, Franklin County Children and Youth Services received a child protective services (CPS) referral for physical abuse which was indicated, and services were provided. In March 2013,

YCOCYF received a CPS referral for physical abuse which was indicated, and services were provided. In October 2013, YCOCYF received a CPS referral for sexual abuse which was indicated, and services were provided. In December 2018, YCOCYF received general protective services referral alleging concerns for parental substance use which was determined valid and services were provided.

## **Near Fatalities**

### Adams

1. A 17-month-old female child nearly died on July 10, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Adams County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on September 6, 2019, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the child presented at the emergency room with a subdural hematoma as well as retinal hemorrhaging, and she underwent brain surgery. The parents reported that the child fell from standing onto the carpet. Medical personnel determined the injuries to be non-accidental in nature. The parents were the sole caretakers of the child at the time of the incident. There were two children in the home at the time of the incident for whom a safety plan was implemented 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.

### Allegheny

2. A 3-month-old male child nearly died on May 17, 2019, as a result serious physical neglect. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth and Families (ACOCYF) indicated the report on July 25, 2019, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the primary care physician (PCP) called local law enforcement due to the parents' failure to transport the victim child to a regional pediatric hospital the day prior as was medically requested. When the child had been seen by the PCP, he weighed 9 pounds 3 ounces but should have weighed approximately 12 pounds. The child had gone from the 40<sup>th</sup> percentile on the growth chart to 0.4<sup>th</sup> percentile. When law enforcement responded to the call, the child appeared malnourished and dirty. Emergency medical services were contacted and transported the child to the regional pediatric hospital where he presented with a fever, cough, and concerns for failure to thrive. The child was released from the hospital and placed at a pediatric specialty center and then released into foster care. 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. The family was previously known to child welfare. In December 2014, ACOCYF received a general protective services referral alleging concerns for substance use which was determined valid and services were provided.

### Carbon

3. A 4-year-old female child nearly died on June 5, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Carbon County Children and Youth Services (CCCYS) indicated the report on July 30, 2019, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the child was hospitalized due to lethargy and altered mental status. The mother provided inaccurate information regarding what medication had been administered to the child. The child underwent testing and intubation. A review of medical records revealed that the child had had numerous hospitalizations and medical appointments and that the mother was not providing physicians with accurate information. The county agency determined from statements made by the treating physician that the mother was poisoning the child with medication. The victim child was placed into foster care following the incident and discharge from the hospital. There was one child in the home at the time of the incident who was placed with the victim child 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. In October 2018, January 2019, February 2019, and March 2019, CCCYS received four general protective services (GPS) referrals alleging concerns for unexplained bruises and not providing medication to the child as prescribed which were determined invalid and no services were provided. In May 2019, CCCYS received a GPS referral alleging behavioral health concerns, lack of supervision, and inadequate health care; this referral was under assessment at the time of the near fatality incident.

#### Cumberland

4. A 1-month-old male child nearly died on July 18, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Cumberland County Children and Youth Services (CCCYS) indicated the report on August 29, 2019, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was brought into CCCYS by the maternal grandmother and the victim child was having tremors while at the agency. CCCYS took the child to the local specialty hospital for evaluation where it was determined that the child had a brain bleed, fractures to the right and left leg, and a right ulna buckle fracture. Medical records determined that there was no medical cause for the child's injuries, but the injuries were found to be concerning for inflicted trauma. When interviewed, the mother admitted to shaking the child, throwing him on the bed on one occasion, forcefully pushing his legs and arms down while changing diapers, and forcefully turning his leg on more than one occasion. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. The victim child was placed with a foster care resource, the mother's contact to the child restricted, and 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.

#### Delaware

5. A 2-week-old male child nearly died on July 7, 2019, as a result of serious physical neglect. Delaware County Children and Youth Services (DCCYS) indicated the report on August 28, 2019, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was attacked by the family's two dogs. A skeletal x-ray showed rib fractures



on the child's right side. At the time of the incident, the mother was in the shower and father stepped outside leaving the child unattended on a nursing pillow. The child was placed with a relative after the incident 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.

#### Lebanon

6. A 1-month-old female child nearly died on July 1, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Lebanon County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on August 6, 2019, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of incident, the victim child was brought to the emergency room by the mother after displaying seizure symptoms. The hospital reported the child sustained injuries including hemorrhages in his brain, hypodensity in the right occipital/temporal lobe, retinal hemorrhages, and a healing wrist fracture. The father was interviewed by law enforcement and admitted to shaking the child forcefully out of frustration. There was one child in the home at the time of incident who was placed in kinship care as the result of a safety assessment 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.

#### Lehigh

7. A 2-month-old male child nearly died on July 19, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Lehigh County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on September 17, 2019, naming the victim child's father and mother as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was transported to a local medical facility by the parents following an incident in which the child had been twitching and having difficulty breathing. The child was assessed in the emergency room and intubated. Medical testing discovered evidence of abusive head trauma and fractured ribs. The parents were the sole caretakers of the child during the time period when the injuries were sustained, but both denied any responsibility for the injuries sustained by the child. The child was removed from the custody of the parents. 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. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

#### Luzerne

8. A 2-month-old male child nearly died on June 7, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Luzerne County Children and Youth Agency indicated the report on August 2, 2019, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the mother reported that the victim child had periods of not breathing and then would cry and become stiff. The mother and father contacted emergency medical services and the

child was transported via ambulance to the emergency room. Medical testing and examination discovered a subdural hematoma, hemorrhages, retinal hemorrhages and a neck sprain. The physician determined the injuries were a result of the child being violently shaken on more than one occasion. Upon discharge from the hospital, the child was placed in kinship care with a relative. There was one child in the home at the time of the incident who was placed with the victim child, 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.

#### Lycoming

9. A 2-year-old female child nearly died on June 19, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Lycoming County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on August 15, 2019, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was brought to the hospital unresponsive. Medical tests determined that the child had ingested an illegal substance. During the investigation, the father admitted to putting the substance in a drink that the child then drank from. The child was revived, treated, and released from the hospital into the mother's care. There were two children in the home at the time of the incident who were initially placed with relatives as a part of a safety plan but were returned to the mother's care, and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the father had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare. In October 2018 and January 2019, Union County Children and Youth Services received general protective services referrals alleging concerns for truancy which were determined valid, but no services were provided.

#### Philadelphia

10. A 1-month-old male child nearly died on August 22, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on September 26, 2019, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the child was brought into the emergency room and presented with a seizure, a brain bleed on both sides of the brain, and a right-side skull fracture. The mother reported that the child fell out of the car seat and off the bed, but medical evidence showed that the injuries were non-accidental and inconsistent with the mother's account. The child was placed with relatives upon discharge from the hospital 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.
11. A 6-month-old female child nearly died on May 30, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on July 18, 2019, naming the victim child's two babysitters as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was brought via ambulance to the local hospital for seizures and was subsequently transferred to a specialized pediatric hospital. Medical testing revealed severe head trauma and hemorrhaging. Medical records determined that the

injuries were consistent with abusive head trauma or shaken baby syndrome. The injuries had been sustained while in the care of the two babysitters, and the babysitters could not provide an explanation for the injuries. The victim child remained in the hospital. 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. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

12. A 4-month-old male child nearly died on May 24, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services (PDHS) indicated the report on July 1, 2019, naming the victim child's mother, mother's paramour, and paramour's sister as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the paramour's sister was reportedly caring for the victim child at a restaurant and stated the child suddenly became unresponsive. The paramour's sister then reportedly transported the child to a local children's hospital. At the hospital, the child was determined to be clinically intoxicated and was admitted to the intensive care unit. Subsequent testing also revealed fractures to the child's leg. Reports were unclear regarding when care for the child was transferred between the paramour's sister, child's mother and mother's paramour. It was also noted that the child had only one well child visit at six-days old. The child was discharged and subsequently placed with his 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 criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare. In February 2013, August 2015, and March 2017, PDHS received general protective services referrals alleging concerns for serious physical neglect which were determined valid, but no services were provided. In October 2016, PDHS received a child protective services referral for physical abuse which was indicated, and services were provided.
13. A 2-year-old male child nearly died on July 10, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services (PDHS) indicated the report on August 6, 2019, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was brought to the hospital for vomiting. Further examination and a skeletal survey revealed rib fractures, pancreatic lacerations, and a bruise to his face. The mother's explanation was inconsistent with the injuries sustained, and the mother was the sole caretaker of the child at the time of the incident. Upon discharge from the hospital, the child was placed in the home of a relative. There was one child in the home at the time of the incident who was placed in a resource home as the result of a safety assessment 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. In January 2019, PDHS received a child protective services (CPS) referral for causing bodily injury which was unfounded, and no services were provided. In October 2018, PDHS received a CPS referral for causing bodily injury which was indicated, and services were provided.
14. A 3-year-old female child nearly died on August 11, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services (PDHS) indicated the report on September 26, 2019, naming the victim child's

mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child disclosed that the mother caused deep cuts to her skull. The investigation determined the mother used a substance prior to the incident and reportedly blacked out. The child was seen at a hospital and discharged to the care of 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 criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare. In December 2015, PDHS received a general protective services referral due to the victim child testing positive for illegal substances at birth which was determined valid and services were provided.

15. A 9-year-old female child nearly died on June 30, 2019, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on August 6, 2019, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child and sibling were left home alone. The child's sibling picked up a firework that was within reach, which somehow was lit by the children. The victim child then took the lit firework from the sibling and it exploded in her hands. The child was transported by police to a nearby children's hospital, where she underwent emergency surgery. She had extensive injuries to her hands and arms, as well as minor burns on her chest, chin, and stomach. The father reported purchasing two fireworks on the day before the incident. The father reported lighting one firework the night before the incident and putting the other where he thought it was out of reach of the children. Following the incident, the sibling was placed with a relative as the result of a safety assessment and services were provided. The victim child was discharged from the hospital, admitted into a rehabilitation hospital, and then discharged to the care of her mother. There was one other child in the home at the time of the incident who was returned to the care of their primary custodial parent. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.