

## **Fatalities**

### **Beaver**

1. A 23-month-old male child died on May 18, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Beaver County Children and Youth Services (BCCYS) indicated the report on June 13, 2019, naming the victim child's mother's paramour as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the mother's paramour fell asleep with the victim child in a chair while the mother was not home. When the paramour awoke, he found the victim child was underneath him and unresponsive. The mother had returned home by the time the child was discovered and attempted to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation while the paramour called emergency medical services (EMS). The child was pronounced dead upon EMS arrival. The investigation determined that the paramour had been under the influence of a substance at the time of the incident. There were three other children, the victim child's two half-siblings and the paramour's child, present in the home at the time of the incident. One of the siblings had already been in the maternal grandmother's primary custody, and was returned and provided services following the incident. The other sibling was placed with the paternal grandparents. The paramour's child resided primarily with the mother and was returned to her care. At the time the report was indicated, the paramour had been criminally charged in relation to the incident. The family was previously known to child welfare. In April 2016, BCCYS received a general protective services referral regarding parental substance use that had been determined valid, but was not accepted for services because the child was already placed in the care of the maternal grandmother.

### **Bucks**

2. A 9-year-old female child died on February 23, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Bucks County Children and Youth Social Services Agency (BCCYSSA) indicated the report on April 10, 2019, naming the victim child's maternal aunt and maternal adult cousin as the perpetrators. On February 25, 2019, the victim child and four other bodies were discovered in a residence. The victim child's aunt and cousin were found alive and transported to a local hospital. At the hospital, the aunt and cousin confessed to the murder of the victim child. There were no surviving children in the home, therefore no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the aunt and cousin had been criminally charged in relation to the incident. The family was previously known to child welfare. In April 2006, New Jersey Department of Child Protection and Permanency received two child protective services referrals for the aunt's family regarding sexual abuse that were substantiated. In February 2019, two GPS referrals had been received by BCCYSSA and were being assessed at the time of the incident.
3. A 9-year-old female child died on February 23, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Bucks County Children and Youth Social Services Agency (BCCYSSA) indicated the report on April 10, 2019, naming the victim child's maternal aunt and maternal adult cousin as the perpetrators. On February 25, 2019, the victim child and four other bodies were discovered in a residence. The victim child's aunt and cousin were found alive and transported to a local

hospital. At the hospital, the aunt and cousin confessed to the murder of the victim child. There were no surviving children in the home, therefore no services were offered. At the time the report was indicated, the aunt and cousin had been criminally charged in relation to the incident. The family was previously known to child welfare. In April 2006, New Jersey Department of Child Protection and Permanency received two child protective services referrals for the aunt's family regarding sexual abuse that were substantiated. In February 2019, two GPS referrals had been received by BCCYSSA and were being assessed at the time of the incident.

#### Centre

4. A 1-month-old male child died on February 1, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Centre County Children and Youth Services (CCCYS) indicated the report on April 1, 2019, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the mother and father had been intoxicated and arguing. The mother admitted that she had been holding the victim child on her lap and stood suddenly causing the child to fall to the floor and strike his head. The parents did not seek medical attention for the victim child until the next morning when he was found unresponsive and emergency medical services (EMS) were contacted. The father performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation until EMS arrived, but the child was pronounced deceased by the deputy coroner at the home. An autopsy was performed, and the cause of death was determined to be blunt force trauma due to an extensive subdural hemorrhage and rib fractures. The victim child had one sibling in the home who was placed in kinship care as a result of a safety plan. The family was provided substance use treatment, reunification, and domestic violence services. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family was previously known to child welfare. In October 2017, CCCYS received a general protective services referral regarding parental substance use that had been determined valid and services were provided. In December 2018, CCCYS received a general protective services referral regarding parental substance use that was still being assessed at the time of the incident.

#### Franklin

5. A 2-year-old female child died on March 14, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Franklin County Children and Youth Services founded the report on April 23, 2019, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the mother reported putting the child to bed and checking on the child later to find her cold and unresponsive. The mother brought the child to the hospital where she presented with bruising all over her body and a large swollen lump on her forehead. The mother could not provide an explanation for the injuries. The child was transferred to another hospital for intensive care and treatment, where she later succumbed to her injuries. The victim child had four siblings in the home who were taken into protective custody and placed in foster care as part of the safety plan. The family was provided counseling and case management services. At the time the report was founded, the mother had been criminally charged in relation to the incident. The family was previously known to child welfare. In January 2015 and 2017, Washington County Children and Youth Services received

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general protective services (GPS) referrals regarding homelessness and truancy that had been determined valid. In April 2018, Cumberland County Child and Youth Services received a GPS referral regarding parental substance use that had been determined valid. In August 2018, Chester County Department of Children, Youth, and Families received a child protective services referral regarding bodily injury that had been determined unfounded.

Chester

6. A 4-month-old male child died on April 16, 2019, as a result of serious physical neglect. Chester County Department of Children, Youth and Families indicated the report on May 17, 2019, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was hospitalized after being found by his mother face down and unresponsive in the bathtub. The child presented at the hospital in cardiac arrest with a low body temperature, a fractured left rib, fluid in his lungs, high blood sugar, and carbon dioxide build up in his blood as well as lack of oxygen to his lungs and brain. He succumbed to the injuries at the hospital. The investigation determined that the mother left the child unsupervised in the bathtub. The victim child had three siblings in the home who were placed with the maternal grandparents, and contact with the mother was to be supervised as part of the safety plan. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Luzerne

7. A 17-year-old male child died on May 6, 2019 as a result of physical abuse. Luzerne County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on June 19, 2019, naming the victim child's maternal great uncle as the perpetrator. On April 23, 2019, an altercation occurred between the maternal great uncle, victim child's mother, and victim child. The child was stabbed by the maternal great uncle during the altercation, the mother contacted emergency medical services (EMS), and the child was transported to the local hospital. The child was discharged from the hospital on April 30, 2019, with instructions to have a follow-up x-ray. On the date of the incident, EMS responded to the home because the child was found unresponsive, and transported him to the local hospital where he was pronounced dead. An autopsy was performed and the cause of death was determined to be the original stab wound which had damaged his heart. The victim child had one sibling who was determined to be safe in the mother's care, and the family was provided services. At the time the report was indicated, the maternal great uncle had been criminally charged in relation to the incident. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Lycoming

8. A 19-month-old male child died on December 21, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Lycoming County Children and Youth Services (LCCYS) indicated the report on June 20, 2019, naming the victim child's mother and the mother's paramour as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, law enforcement

was dispatched to the home due to the victim child being unresponsive, and he was transported to a regional hospital where he died the same day. There were no external signs of abuse. LCCYS received notification of the child's death on May 6, 2019 after the autopsy revealed bleeding in the child's abdomen and prior fractures to his skull, ribs, and fingers in different stages of healing. The cause of death was determined to be the bleeding to the stomach caused by acute and chronic blunt force injuries. The mother and paramour could not provide an explanation as how the child sustained the injuries, but they were the only caretakers for the child at the time of the incident. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident, but a half-sibling was born after the incident and LCCYS obtained custody of the child. The family was provided mental health, substance use treatment, and parenting services. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

#### Monroe

9. A 6-month-old male child died on May 6, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Monroe County Children and Youth Services (MCCYS) indicated the report on June 3, 2019, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the father sent text messages to the mother threatening to harm the child and notifying her that the child was bleeding. The child was then found dead in the parent's home on the same day. An autopsy determined the cause of death as asphyxiation and the manner of death to be homicide. The investigation also determined that the mother failed to do anything to protect the child after receiving the father's text messages. The victim child had one sibling who was placed in kinship care with the maternal grandparents following the incident, and the family was provided services. At the time the report was indicated, the mother and father had been criminally charged in relation to the incident. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

#### Wyoming

10. A 2-month-old female child died on March 16, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Wyoming County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on May 7, 2019, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of incident, law enforcement and emergency medical services (EMS) responded to the home when the victim child was found unresponsive. EMS performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation, intubated the child, and administered epinephrine. She presented at the hospital in cardiac arrest and was subsequently life flighted to a specialty hospital. At the specialty hospital, evidence of lack of oxygen to her brain, bleeding in the back of her eyes, sudden kidney failure, elevated liver enzyme levels indicative of pancreatic damage, accumulation of abdominal fluid and bloating, and displaced ribs were found. She succumbed to the injuries, which were determined to be most consistent with asphyxiation. The mother admitted to incorrectly swaddling the child despite previous instruction on the correct way to swaddle a baby. There were no other children in the home, and no 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.

## **Near Fatalities**

### Allegheny

1. A 2-week-old male child nearly died on March 23, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth and Family Services indicated the report on May 20, 2019, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was transported to a regional pediatric hospital and presented with a large amount of bleeding around his brain causing a stroke, and the physician determined that the child suffered head trauma. The mother and father were the sole caretakers for the child at the time of the incident but could not provide an explanation for his injuries. The victim child had two siblings who were placed into kinship care. When the victim child was discharged from the hospital, he was placed into kinship care with his siblings. The family was provided parenting instruction services and monitoring of follow-up medical care and treatment. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
2. A 3-month-old male child nearly died as a result of physical abuse. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth, and Family Services (ACOCYF) indicated the report on May 30, 2019. The perpetrator was unknown. The victim child's primary care physician saw the child for a well visit on March 26, 2019 and referred him for outpatient magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scan because of concerns about increasing head circumference. On April 3, 2019, the victim child was taken to the regional pediatric hospital for the MRI. The MRI revealed fluid on his brain and bleeding in the back of his eyes, as well as two healing fractures to his ribs. A procedure was performed to remove the excess fluid on his brain. The injuries sustained were highly concerning for abuse and determined to have occurred in February. The child's parents could not provide an explanation for his injuries and he had had multiple caretakers at the time the injuries would have occurred. The victim child had one sibling who was placed in the care of a family friend. The victim child was placed with the sibling upon discharge, and the family was provided services. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
3. A 1-month-old male child nearly died on May 5, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth and Families indicated the report on June 28, 2019, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of incident, the mother reported she had been pushed down the stairs while holding the victim child during a domestic dispute. The victim child was transported to a local hospital and presented with a decreased level of alertness but had no physical injuries, so Narcan was administered. The victim child tested positive for cocaine and cocaine metabolite, and his parents could not provide an explanation as to how he ingested the substance. The victim child had two half-siblings who do not reside in the home. The victim child was placed in a kinship foster care home, and the family was provided visitation coaching and early intervention

services. At the time the report was indicated, the mother and father had been criminally charged in relation to the incident. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

#### Beaver

4. A 7-month-old female child nearly died on March 20, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Beaver County Children and Youth Services (BCCYS) indicated the report on April 25, 2019, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child presented at the local emergency department with burns to her scalp, face, buttocks, and genitals. The father reported that he set her down in the shower after bathing her, left the room, and the water temperature changed briefly causing the burns. The victim child was transferred to a local burn center due to sustaining second degree burns covering 16 percent of her body. The physician determined that the patterns and severity of the burns were inconsistent with the father's account and were highly suspicious for abuse. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. The child was discharged from the hospital to the full custody of her mother, and the family was provided housing, transportation, and parenting education services. At the time the report was indicated, the father had been criminally charged in relation to the incident. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

#### Berks

5. A 5-year-old female child nearly died on February 26, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Berks County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on April 26, 2019, naming the victim child's father's paramour as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the paramour reported that she heard a thump and found the victim child vomiting and unresponsive. The child was brought into a local hospital and presented with a large collection of blood around the right side of her brain. The injuries were determined to be non-accidental, and the paramour could not explain the injuries but denied any involvement in causing them. The victim child was placed in a rehabilitation facility. The victim child had no siblings, but the paramour had one child who was placed with paternal relatives as part of the safety plan. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
6. A 14-month-old female child nearly died on March 16, 2019, as a result of serious physical neglect. Berks County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on April 30, 2019, naming the victim child's mother and the mother's paramour as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was brought to a local hospital and presented in an altered mental state. A drug screen was administered and she tested positive for amphetamines. The mother and paramour reported leaving the child unsupervised in the home around the substances. The victim child had one sibling, and a safety plan was implemented for the victim child and sibling to have supervised contact with the mother and paramour and the family was provided case management services. At the time the report was indicated, no

criminal charges had been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

#### Blair

7. A 3-year-old female child nearly died on May 10, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Blair County Children, Youth and Families indicated the report on May 31, 2019, naming the victim child's father's paramour as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child's father left the child in the care of the paramour. The paramour later contacted the father stating that something was wrong with the child. The father arrived home to find the child unconscious, and transported her to the emergency room. She was subsequently transferred to a specialty children's hospital where she underwent brain surgery to relieve pressure and swelling from the bleeding around her brain. She also had bleeding in the back of an eye, bruising to her right cheek and base of her nose, scratches on her neck, a torn frenulum, scars on her legs and thighs, bite marks, and two prior arm fractures. The paramour could not provide an explanation for the injuries. The child was hospitalized for several weeks and then discharged into a rehabilitation center. The victim child had two siblings who were placed with a maternal grandmother. At the time the report was indicated, the paramour had been criminally charged in relation to the incident. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

#### Cambria

8. An 8-year-old male child nearly died on April 23, 2019, as a result of serious physical neglect. Cambria County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on June 24, 2019, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the mother contacted emergency medical services after the victim child had low blood sugar readings for several days. The child was initially taken to a local hospital but was subsequently transferred to a children's hospital and admitted to the intensive care unit due to the severity of his illness. The investigation determined that the mother neglected to seek proper medical care and treatment for the child which resulted in his severe diabetic ketoacidosis. The child was discharged to the care of an adult sibling. 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.

#### Clearfield

9. A 7-month-old male child nearly died on March 15, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Clearfield County Children, Youth, and Family Services (CCYFS) indicated the report on May 10, 2019, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was transported to the local hospital by the mother and other relatives because he had been vomiting over a four-day period. The victim child presented at the local hospital with bleeding around his brain and was transferred by ambulance to a regional pediatric hospital emergency department. The child was later found to have a patterned bruise to his right forearm and bleeding

in both eyes. The injuries sustained by the child were indicative of nonaccidental trauma. The father admitted to shaking the child, throwing him down in the basinet, and placing a blanket over his face. There were no other children in the home. The victim child was placed in a kinship home, and the family was provided in-home parenting instruction services. At the time the report was indicated, the father had been criminally charged in relation to the incident. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

#### Delaware

10. A 7-month-old female child nearly died on July 9, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Delaware County Children Youth and Services (DCCYS) pended the case until indicating the report on April 15, 2019, naming an unknown perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found unresponsive and emergency medical services were contacted and arrived to find her in cardiac arrest. She required cardiopulmonary resuscitation and intubation and tested positive for morphine when a toxicology report was completed. The child had two siblings, and a safety plan was implemented for the maternal grandparents to be the caregivers and provide twenty-four-hour supervision. The victim child was placed with maternal grandparents upon discharge from hospital. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare. In September 2017, DCCYS received a general protective services referral regarding parental substance use which had been determined valid and services were provided.

#### Lackawanna

11. A 5-month-old male child nearly died on April 18, 2019, as a result of serious physical neglect. Lackawanna County Office of Youth and Family Services indicated the report on June 10, 2019, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was brought to a local hospital and presented with a deep second degree burn on his inner right thigh. The parents reported the child had been burned about one week prior and they had been treating it themselves. The child was transferred to another hospital's burn unit to be treated. The burn had not been treated properly or in a timely manner by the parents which caused infection. The parents could not provide a consistent explanation of how and when the injury occurred, and the explanations provided were deemed implausible by the treating physician. The victim child had one sibling who was determined safe and remained in the custody of the parents. The victim child was discharged from the hospital and placed in a kinship home, and the family was provided parenting and family reunification services. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

#### Lehigh

12. A 4-year-old male child nearly died on March 19, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Lehigh County Office of Children and Youth Services indicated the report on April 10, 2019, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator.



On the date of incident, the mother reported that the victim child had been playing in the basement of the home, and that she heard a scream and ran downstairs to find him lying face down on the floor with a pool table on top of him. The mother transported the child to the local hospital emergency department, and he was subsequently transferred to a specialty hospital. The physical exam and a computed tomography scan revealed bruising and soft tissue swelling along the right upper jaw, collapsing and bruising of his right lung, a liver laceration, and blood accumulating in the abdomen and pelvis. The mother's explanation for the injuries was not plausible and she could not provide consistent accounts of what occurred on the date of the incident. The victim child had one half-sibling, and the victim child and sibling were placed with their maternal uncle. The mother participated in a violent offender treatment evaluation. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

13. A 2-year-old male child nearly died on April 23, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Lehigh County Office of Children and Youth Services (LCOCYS) indicated the report on June 21, 2019, naming the victim child's father's paramour and father's paramour's mother as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was transported to a local medical facility by the paramour and paramour's mother and presented with shallow breathing and constricted pupils. The child was administered Narcan and responded, and it was determined that she had ingested synthetic marijuana laced with heroin. The child was in the care of the paramour and the paramour's mother at the time the substance was ingested. The paramour's child was residing in the home at the time of the incident. LCOCYS petitioned for custody of both children but was only granted custody of the victim child. There was not sufficient evidence to remove the paramour's child from the home. The victim child was placed into kinship care with a maternal relative and his family was provided services. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

#### Luzerne

14. A 1-month-old male child nearly died on April 18, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Luzerne County Children and Youth Agency (LCCYA) indicated the report on June 17, 2019, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, emergency medical services were contacted due to the victim child's eyes, face, and upper extremities twitching. The father could not provide an explanation for the child's injuries, but medical testing determined the injuries to be indicative of abusive head trauma caused by shaken baby syndrome. LCCYA obtained custody of the victim child, and the family was provided reunification, substance use treatment, mental health treatment, and early intervention services. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
15. A 5-month-old male child nearly died on March 6, 2019 as a result of physical abuse. Luzerne County Children and Youth Agency indicated the

report on April 1, 2019, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the mother reported bathing the child in the kitchen sink with the spray hose, and the water that came out of the faucet when the hose was put back was steaming and caused the child to cry. The mother contacted emergency medical services to have the child transported to the local hospital, where he presented with 15 percent of his body covered in second degree burns. The mother's explanation of how the child sustained the injuries was not plausible. The victim child had one sibling who was not residing in the home at the time of the incident, and the victim child was placed in foster care upon discharge from the hospital. The family received reunification, mental health treatment, visitation, and case management services. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

#### Montgomery

16. A 1-month-old male child nearly died on March 5, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth indicated the report on April 16, 2019, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the mother and maternal grandmother took the child to the primary care physician (PCP) due to a bump on his inner left ear. It was determined by the PCP that the victim child's head circumference had increased from a previous measurement, and the PCP advised the mother to take the child to the local hospital. The child presented at the hospital with fluid on the brain, an abrasion on his right cheek, healing rib fractures, a small bruise on his knee, lower leg fractures, and bleeding in his left ear. The injuries sustained were indicative of non-accidental trauma sustained over a period of time, and the father admitted to causing the injuries. The victim child had a half-sibling who remained in the home with mother. The maternal great grandmother and the maternal great-great grandmother supervised all contact as part of the safety plan. The child was released from the hospital into the care of the mother. The family was provided case management, family support, and parenting education services. At the time the report was indicated, the father had been criminally charged in relation to the incident. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

#### Philadelphia

17. A 13-year-old female child nearly died on March 23, 2019, as a result of serious physical neglect. The Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on May 14, 2019, naming the victim child's mother and step-father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the child was taken to the emergency department due to several days of a fever, dizziness, and a headache. She was pale and feverish when she presented at the hospital with high blood pressure and heart rate, and a low hemoglobin level. She required aggressive hydration due to sepsis, as well as a blood transfusion. The mother and step-father had been previously instructed by medical professionals to have her seen immediately upon the onset of a fever because of her sickle cell anemia, and the mother and step-father had failed to provide the child with proper medical care. The victim child had three siblings who were determined safe in the home. The victim child was

discharged from hospital to the care of the maternal grandmother. The family was provided case management, counseling, and placement services. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

18. A 2-year-old male child nearly died on April 26, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia County Department of Human Services indicated the report on June 6, 2019, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the mother took the child to a specialized children's hospital because he had swollen eyes, and he was fatigued and difficult to wake. The child presented at the hospital in an altered mental state, and a urine screen was obtained which tested positive for marijuana. The mother could not provide an explanation as to how the child ingested the substance, but also mother tested positive for the substance when a drug screen was completed. The victim child had two siblings, and they were determined safe in the home with supervision. The family was provided in-home services. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
19. A 19-month-old female child nearly died on May 9, 2019, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on June 21, 2019, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the father brought the victim child to local children's hospital for burns on her feet. While being assessed at the hospital, she became unresponsive. She also tested positive for methamphetamines and amphetamines. The child was transferred to a burn center for continued care. The father had tested positive for methamphetamines and amphetamines, but denied knowing how the child ingested the substances. The father initially took sole blame for the child's burns, but the investigation determined the mother was involved in the incident. The victim child had two siblings who resided in the home at the time of the incident and were placed with the maternal grandmother. Upon discharge, the victim child was also placed with the maternal grandmother. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
20. A 16-month-old male child nearly died on May 6, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on May 30, 2019, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the mother took the child to the local hospital. The mother initially reported he had been vomiting after falling down six or seven steps at home, but she later disclosed that the bannister on the staircase was missing and he had actually fallen from the second floor to the first floor. The mother's delay in providing accurate information hindered the medical team's ability to provide appropriate medical treatment. When additional testing was completed, it revealed he also had a severe spleen injury and bleeding in his abdomen. Upon his discharge from the hospital, the victim child and his sibling were placed in kinship care. The children were later returned to their mother's care in a permanent shelter until their home was repaired. The family received in-home safety services. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Somerset

21. A 15-month-old male child nearly died on April 24, 2019, as a result of physical abuse. Somerset County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on June 24, 2019, naming the victim child's mother's former paramour as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was seen at the local children's hospital and presented with bleeding on the left side of his brain and back of his eyes. His injuries were indicative of abusive head trauma, and the mother's paramour had been the sole caregiver at the time of the incident. The paramour admitted to holding and shaking the child. The victim child was determined to be safe with his mother and was discharged from the hospital to her care. There were no other children in the home, and no services provided because the mother was no longer involved with the paramour. At the time the report was indicated, the paramour had been criminally charged in relation to the incident. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

York

22. A 16-year-old male child nearly died on February 1, 2019, as a result of serious physical neglect. York County Office of Children, Youth, and Families (YCOCYF) indicated the report on April 15, 2019, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child had been hospitalized and medical documentation determined that he had an extensive medical history of inadequate weight gain since July 2013. His inadequate weight gain had led to malnutrition, short stature, and delayed development. There was no medical reason for his failure to gain weight, and the investigation revealed sufficient evidence of medical neglect and that his parents had a history of minimal compliance with medical recommendations and treatments. The victim child had one sibling who was determined to be safe and not at risk and remained in the home. The victim child remained in the care and custody of his parents by court ruling while YCOCYF monitored the parents' cooperation with his medical treatment. The family was provided medical services and assistance with follow-up with medical providers. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

23. A 20-month-old male child nearly died on February 22, 2019, as a result of serious physical neglect. York County Office of Children, Youth and Families indicated the report on April 22, 2019, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, emergency medical services were contacted when the victim child became lethargic and unresponsive after ingesting phencyclidine (PCP). It was determined that the mother had left the child unsupervised in a room at the time of the incident. The mother also tested positive for the substance at the time of the incident. The victim child had two siblings who were placed with the paternal grandmother as a part of the safety plan, and the victim child was also placed with the paternal grandmother upon discharge from the hospital. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.