

## **Fatalities**

### Allegheny

- 1.) An 11-month-old female child died on August 19, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth, and Families indicated the report on November 15, 2021, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was found limp, emergency medical services were contacted, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation was initiated. The child was transported to the local regional pediatric hospital and pronounced dead. An autopsy revealed that the cause of death was determined to be illegal substance toxicity. It was determined through the investigation that the father was the sole caregiver of the child at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the two other children in the home at the time of the incident remained in the mother's care 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.
- 2.) A 5-year-old male child died on November 22, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth, and Families indicated the report on December 20, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was shot in the head. The child was transported via ambulance to the local regional pediatric hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, the child was pronounced dead. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the father left an unsecured gun accessible to the children and the victim child's sibling shot the victim child. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child's sibling was placed into a congregate care setting and the two other children in the home at the time of the incident remained in the home. 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.

### Beaver

- 3.) A 2-month-old male child died on November 18, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. Beaver County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on November 1, 2021, naming the victim child's maternal grandmother and grandfather as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was found unresponsive while co-sleeping with a sibling and emergency services were contacted. Upon arrival of emergency services, the child was pronounced dead. On September 3, 2021, the autopsy and toxicology report revealed the presence of an illegal substance and over the counter medication in the child's system at the time of death. The cause of death was listed as combined drug poisoning. It was determined through the investigation that the maternal grandmother and grandfather were the sole caregivers of the child at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the one other child in the home at the time of the incident was residing with the father and no services were provided. At the time of the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.
- 4.) A 9-month-old female child died on October 9, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Beaver County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on October 19, 2021, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On September 25, 2021, it was reported the mother found the victim child limp, began cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and contacted emergency medical services. Upon arrival of emergency

services, the child was found in cardiac arrest with an illegal substance in the mouth and was transported to the local pediatric regional hospital. The child was administered a toxicology screening and tested positive for illegal substances. The child subsequently died on October 9, 2021, as a result of ingestion. It was determined through the investigation that the mother was the sole caregiver 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 had no prior child welfare involvement.

#### Berks

- 5.) A 14-month-old female child died on February 18, 2020, as a result of physical abuse. Berks County Children and Youth Services founded the report on December 28, 2021, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child became unresponsive while co-sleeping with the father and was transported to the local hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, the child was pronounced dead. It was determined through the investigation that the father was under the influence of an illegal substance at the time 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 a relative and services were provided. At the time the report was founded, the perpetrator had a disposition of criminal charges. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
- 6.) A 3-month-old female child died on September 23, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Berks County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on November 17, 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 pale, cold to the touch, and unresponsive on the living room floor where she had been sleeping; the mother contacted emergency services and the father attempted cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Emergency services arrived and the child was pronounced dead. An autopsy was completed which revealed the child died as a result of asphyxiation. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the father allowed the child to sleep in unsafe sleeping conditions and failed to provide appropriate supervision which led to the child's death. As a result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and five other children in the home at the time of the incident remained in the care of the mother and the father with all contact being supervised by 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.

#### Cumberland

- 7.) A 10-year-old female child died on August 15, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Cumberland County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on October 15, 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 mother and the child subsequently died. The child had a preexisting medical condition which caused severe symptoms when the child was eating minimally leading up to the child's state of unresponsiveness. An autopsy was completed which revealed fecal matter in the colon and the child was underweight. It was determined through the investigation that the child had not been medically evaluated since 2016 and the mother and the father were aware of the child's medical condition and were not seeking appropriate medical care for the child. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the one other child in the home

at the time of the incident remained in the care of 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.

#### Dauphin

- 8.) An 8-year-old male child died on August 6, 2021, as a result of physical abuse. Dauphin County Social Services for Children and Youth indicated the report on October 4, 2021, naming the victim child's paternal grandfather as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the paternal grandfather set fire to the family home with the victim child in the home. The child was found by emergency services dead barricaded in a back bedroom of the home. The paternal grandfather was also found dead with a lighter and gas can laying outside the bedroom where the child was found. The one other child in the home at the time incident also died as result of this incident and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family was previously known to child welfare.
- 9.) A 5-year-old female child died on August 6, 2021, as a result of physical abuse. Dauphin County Social Services for Children and Youth indicated the report on October 4, 2021, naming the victim child's paternal grandfather as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the paternal grandfather set fire to the family home with the victim child in the home. The child was found by emergency services dead barricaded in a back bedroom of the home. The paternal grandfather was also found dead with a lighter and gas can laying outside the bedroom where the child was found. The one other child in the home at the time incident also died as result of this incident and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family was previously known to child welfare.
- 10.) A 14-year-old male child died on October 29, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Dauphin County Social Services for Children and Youth indicated the report on December 28, 2021, naming the victim child's paramour as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child overdosed on an illegal substance and died. It was determined through the investigation that the paramour purchased the illegal substance, fell asleep, and while the paramour was sleeping the child obtained the illegal substance and ingested the substance. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. At the time the report was indicated, the paramour had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare. The victim child of this near fatality report was previously the subject of a substantiated near fatality report.
- 11.) A 14-year-old male child died on October 29, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Dauphin County Social Services for Children and Youth indicated the report on December 28, 2021, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child overdosed on an illegal substance and died. It was determined through the investigation, that the mother was aware the child was in the care of a known drug user who was the child's adult paramour and was aware the child was using drugs; the mother did not intervene. 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 was previously known to child welfare. The victim child of this near fatality report was previously the subject of a substantiated near fatality report.

#### Fayette

- 12.) An 11-year-old male child died on August 12, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Fayette County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on November

18, 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 and the mother contacted emergency services. Upon arrival of emergency services, the child was pronounced dead. An autopsy revealed that the child died as a result of illegal substance toxicity. It was determined through the investigation that the illegal substances were found in the home and the mother failed to properly supervise 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; one child was placed in kinship foster care and the other child remained in their father's care. The family received services. At the time the report was indicated, the mother had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.

#### Lancaster

- 13.) A 5-year-old male child died on August 29, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Lancaster County Children and Youth Social Services Agency indicated the report on October 21, 2021, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child fell into a river and drowned. The child's body was recovered by police and the child was pronounced dead. It was determined through the investigation that the mother was not properly supervising the child at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the three other children in the home at the time of the incident remained in the care of the mother with supervision by a relative and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known child welfare.

#### Northumberland

- 14.) A 1-month-old male child died on October 13, 2021, as a result of physical abuse. Northumberland County Children and Youth indicated the report on December 10, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found unresponsive while co-sleeping with the father. Emergency services were contacted, and the child was transported to the local hospital and pronounced dead. It was determined through the investigation that the father was under influence of an illegal substance at the time of the incident; in addition, there was an active safety plan that the father was not to have unsupervised contact with the child and the mother was aware of the safety plan and left the father unsupervised with the child. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the four 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 and the father had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.

#### Philadelphia

- 15.) A 20-month-old male child died on October 29, 2021, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on December 27, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and two maternal uncles as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was found unresponsive and not breathing and emergency services were contacted. The child was transported to the hospital and cardiopulmonary resuscitation was administered. Upon arrival at the hospital, the child was pronounced dead. An autopsy revealed the child had a lethal dose of an illegal substance in his system. It was determined through the investigation

that the mother and the two maternal uncles were in caregiving roles at the time of the incident and could not provide an explanation as to how the child ingested the substance. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the three 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 criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

#### Warren

- 16.) A 2-year-old female child died on August 22, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Warren County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on October 18, 2021, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child drowned in a river. It was determined through the investigation that the mother fell asleep leaving the child unsupervised, the child wandered off to the river, and drowned. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the four other children in the home at the time of the incident remained in the home with the father supervising all contact with the children and the mother. The family received services. At the time the report was indicated, the mother had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.

#### Washington

- 17.) A male child estimated to be between 5 months and 14 months died on an unknown date, as a result of physical abuse. Washington County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on December 30, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On November 3, 2021, during an interview with a private detective and law enforcement, the mother confessed that the victim child had died earlier in the year and was buried in the wall of the home. The child was later discovered dead by law enforcement. The child's body was examined, and it was determined that the child had multiple broken ribs in various stages of healing. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the father were responsible for the injuries sustained by the child. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the four other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed in foster care and kinship care. At the time the report was indicated, the mother and the father had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.

#### York

- 18.) A 4-year-old male child died on August 24, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. York County Office of Children, Youth, and Families indicated the report on October 22, 2021, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child got into a vehicle, buckled himself into his car seat, and was unable to get back out; the child was later found by the father unresponsive, and emergency services were contacted. The child was subsequently pronounced dead. It was determined through the investigation that the father failed to properly supervise the child for several hours at the time of the incident leading to the child's death. 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.

#### **Near Fatalities**

Allegheny

- 1.) A 1-month-old male child nearly died on August 15, 2021, as a result of physical abuse. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth, and Families indicated the report on October 13, 2021, naming the victim child's father and father's paramour as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was taken to the local regional pediatric by the father due to lethargy. The child presented at the hospital with petechia on the left eyelid, bloodshot streak on the left eye, bruising on chest, bilateral subdural hematomas, rib fractures, and tibial fractures. It was determined through the investigation that the father and the father's paramour were the sole caregivers of the child at the time of the incident and did 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 two other children 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, no criminal charges had been filed. The family was previously known to child welfare.
- 2.) A 5-month-old female child nearly died on September 21, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth, and Families indicated the report on November 18, 2021, naming the victim child's paternal grandmother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child stopped breathing and the paternal grandmother transported the child home and then to a fire station, where cardiopulmonary resuscitation was performed. A physical exam revealed pinpoint pupils which was consistent with an illegal substance ingestion therefore, Naloxone was administered. The child was transported to a children's hospital where a toxicology screening revealed the presence of illegal substances in the child's system. It was determined through the investigation that the paternal grandmother was the sole caregiver at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was discharged from the hospital to the care of the mother and no 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 paternal grandmother had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.
- 3.) A 2-year-old male child nearly died on November 18, 2021, as a result of physical abuse. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth, and Families indicated the report on December 16, 2021, naming the victim child's mother, the mother's paramour, and an unknown perpetrator as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child presented to the local children's hospital due to fever, fussiness, and vomiting. Medical testing revealed a pancreatic laceration and rib fractures in various stages of healing. The medical findings revealed the injuries sustained were the result of inflicted trauma and the injuries were sustained on more than one occasion. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the mother's paramour caused the injuries sustained by the child; an unknown perpetrator was named for the injuries sustained prior to the child's presentation at the hospital as it could not be determined who caused the injuries. 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, no criminal charges had been filed. The family was previously known to child welfare.
- 4.) A 2-year-old male child nearly died on October 22, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. The Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth, and Families' Western Regional Office indicated the report on December 22, 2021, naming an unknown perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found unresponsive by a caregiver, emergency services were contacted, and the child was

transported to the local hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital the child was administered Narcan and was given a toxicology screening which revealed the child was positive for an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that interviews of all household members could not determine who was responsible for the illegal substance being brought into the home, as there were multiple persons in the home therefore, an unknown perpetrator was named as the perpetrator. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed with the father and the two other children in the home at the time of the incident remained in the home. There were no services provided. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

- 5.) A 3-week-old male child nearly died on October 19, 2021, as a result of physical abuse. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth and Families indicated the report on December 20, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On November 24, 2021, the victim child attended a doctor's appointment and was observed to have bruising to the feet and face; the child was transferred to the local regional pediatric hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, the child was administered a skeletal survey which revealed healing rib fractures, right tibia and fibula fractures, bilateral subdural hematomas with a skull fracture, and an acute intercranial hemorrhage. It was determined through the investigation that the child sustained the injuries over a period of time dating back to October 2021 and the mother and the father were the sole caregivers of the child during this time period. 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 criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

#### Beaver

- 6.) A 5-month-old female child nearly died on September 23, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect and physical abuse. Beaver County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on November 22, 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 with a plastic bag covering the child's head and emergency services were contacted. The child was initially transported to the local hospital in cardiac arrest and subsequently was transferred to the local children's hospital. It was determined through the investigation that the child asphyxiated on the plastic bag for approximately one hour before being discovered; the mother and the father left the plastic bag within reach of the child on the day of the incident knowing the child had been playing with the plastic bag. It was also determined through the investigation that at the time of the incident, the father, who was the sole caregiver of the child, was under the influence of a substance and the mother was aware. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed in a treatment facility 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.

#### Dauphin

- 7.) An 8-month-old male child nearly died on September 23, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Dauphin County Social Services for Children and Youth indicated the report on October 22, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and mother's paramour as

the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found unresponsive by the mother; initially the mother intended to transport the child to the hospital but stopped to obtain assistance from police. The police removed a baggie from the child's mouth containing an illegal substance. The child was administered two doses of Narcan and responded positively. It was determined through the investigation that the mother admitted to knowing that the paramour was selling illegal substances in the home. 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 the other child's father. At the time the report was indicated, the mother and the mother's paramour had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.

#### Delaware

- 8.) A 9-month-old female child nearly died on September 25, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Delaware County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on November 19, 2021, naming the victim child's mother, father, and maternal grandfather as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found unresponsive by the mother and the father; cardiopulmonary resuscitation was performed, and emergency services were contacted. The child was administered Narcan, and a toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that the mother, the father, and the maternal grandfather were the sole caregivers of the child at the time of the incident and drug paraphernalia was found in the home. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed with relatives and no 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, the father, and the maternal grandfather had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.
- 9.) A 12-month-old male child nearly died on August 24, 2021, as a result of physical abuse. Delaware County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on October 22, 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 and emergency services were contacted. The child was administered Narcan and was transported to the local children's hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, a toxicology screening was administered and the child tested positive for an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation, that the child ingested the illegal substance while alone with the mother. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the two other children in the home at the time of incident remained in kinship 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.
- 10.) A 3-month-old male child nearly died on August 6, 2021, as a result of physical abuse. Delaware County Children and Youth Services, indicated the report on October 6, 2021, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was transported to the local emergency room by the mother due to concern for the child's abnormal behavior; the child was subsequently transported by emergency medical services to a specialty children's hospital. The child presented at the specialty hospital with a subdural hematoma. It was determined through the investigation that the injuries sustained were consistent with non-accidental trauma and that the father was the sole caregiver 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 father had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

- 11.) A 1-month-old male child nearly died on October 22, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Delaware County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on December 28, 2021, naming the victim's child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child attended a rescheduled doctor's appointment and presented with a fever, dehydration, and weight loss; the child was sent to the local emergency room and subsequently was taken to specialty hospital. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the father were not providing the child with adequate nutrition. 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 of the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.

#### Erie

- 12.) A 2-year-old female child nearly died on August 27, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Erie County Office of Children and Youth indicated the report on October 25, 2022, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of incident, the victim child was found unresponsive by the mother and emergency medical services (EMS) were contacted; the mother performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation until EMS arrived. The child was transported to the local hospital and was administered Narcan to which the child responded positively. A toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for illegal substances. It was determined through the investigation that the mother was the sole caregiver of the child at the time of the incident. 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 were placed with a relative 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 2-year-old female child nearly died on October 20, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Erie County Office of Children and Youth indicated the report on November 23, 2021, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of incident, the victim child was found unresponsive by a household member and emergency medical services were contacted. The child was transported to the local hospital and Narcan was administered to which the child responded positively. A toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that the mother had drug paraphernalia in the home. 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 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.
- 14.) A 3-year-old male child nearly died on November 18, 2020, as a result of physical abuse. Erie County Office of Children and Youth indicated the report on October 28, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and mother's paramour as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was transported to the local hospital due to vomiting and abdominal pain. Upon arrival at the hospital, the child was observed to have bruising to the torso, cheek, jaw, and upper and lower back, and a lacerated liver. It was determined through the investigation that the injuries sustained by the child were indicative of abuse, the mother and the mother's paramour were the sole caregivers of the child at the time of the incident, and there was a delay in seeking medical attention

upon presentation of the child's symptoms. 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 were 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.

#### Greene

- 15.) A 15-month-old male child nearly died on September 5, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect and physical abuse. Greene County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on November 3, 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 lips were blue and the child had difficulty breathing therefore, the mother contacted emergency services. The child presented to the local hospital in respiratory failure. Upon examination, a substance was found in the child's mouth and the child was administered Narcan. It was determined through the investigation that the substance was readily available to the child and within the child's reach and access; the mother and the father were the sole caregivers 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 with relatives and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.

#### Lancaster

- 16.) A 2-week-old male child nearly died on September 13, 2021, as a result of physical abuse. Lancaster County Children and Youth Social Services Agency indicated the report on November 24, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was unable to move the right arm and would cry when the arm was moved therefore the mother and the father transported the child to the local hospital. The child presented to the hospital with a fractured arm and fractured ankles. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the father were the sole caregivers of the child at the time of the incident and the injuries sustained were the result of nonaccidental trauma and happened over a period of time. 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 criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
- 17.) A 9-month-old female child nearly died on September 26, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Lancaster County Children and Youth Social Services Agency indicated the report on November 24, 2021, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the father returned to the family home and found the victim child unresponsive. The father transported the child to the local hospital emergency department where the child presented lethargic, hypothermic, tachycardiac, and had dilated pupils. A toxicology screening revealed the child was positive for a prescribed medication. It was determined through the investigation that the mother was the sole caregiver of the child at the time when the prescribed medication was ingested. 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 relatives 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.

Luzerne

- 18.) A 2-year-old male child nearly died on October 19, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Luzerne County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on December 10, 2021, naming the victim child's paternal grandmother and paternal grandfather as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child ingested a prescription medication and was admitted to the hospital due to respiratory arrest. While hospitalized, the child was intubated and administered Narcan. A toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that the paternal grandmother and paternal grandfather were the sole caregivers 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, no criminal charges had been filed. The family was previously known to child welfare.

Mercer

- 19.) A 2-year-old female child nearly died on October 13, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Mercer County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on November 24, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and mother's paramour as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found unresponsive by the mother and the mother's paramour and emergency medical services were contacted; the child was transported to the local hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, the child was administered Narcan and transferred to a children's hospital. A toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for illegal substances. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the mother's paramour could not provide a plausible explanation for the substances ingested by the child and drug paraphernalia was found 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 were placed in foster care and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother and mother's paramour had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.

Philadelphia

- 20.) A 1-month-old female child nearly died on July 1, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. The Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth, and Families' Southeast Regional Office indicated the report on November 10, 2021, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On September 12, 2021, the victim child presented at the local children's hospital due to having seizures and with low sodium levels which were the result of improper feedings. It was determined through the investigation that the child had not been seen for a well visit since July 1, 2021, and the mother 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 their father and the six other children also in the home at the time of the incident were placed with a relative. The family received services. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.
- 21.) An 8-year-old female child nearly died on August 23, 2021, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on November 19, 2021,

naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was transported and admitted to the local children's hospital due to concerns with the child's central line catheter site. While hospitalized, the child went into septic shock and required resuscitation. It was determined through the investigation that the medical devices were tampered with causing the child to go into septic shock requiring resuscitation and the mother was the only person present with the child in the hospital room when the medical devices were tampered with. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child remained hospitalized with a safety plan implemented; the two other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed with relatives 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.

- 22.) A 15-month-old male child nearly died on November 9, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect and physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on December 8, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and mother's paramour as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child became lethargic after falling down the stairs and was transported to the local children's hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, a toxicology screening revealed the child was positive for an illegal substance and Narcan was administered. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the mother's paramour were the sole caregivers 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, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.
- 23.) A 3-day-old female child nearly died on August 23, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on October 21, 2021, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the mother refused to allow emergency responders to administer care to the victim child after the child was born breach in the home resulting in the child's hospitalization and medical condition, being on a ventilator and having seizures. It was determined through the investigation that the mother did not allow the emergency responders to treat the child and refused to consent to blood treatments which were deemed medically necessary which resulted in the child's medical condition. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child remained in the care of the mother 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.
- 24.) A 7-month-old female child nearly died on November 10, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on December 28, 2021, naming the victim child's paternal great grandmother and paternal uncle as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the mother transported the victim child to a children's hospital due to an altered mental status. Upon arrival at the hospital, the child tested positive for an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that the paternal great grandmother was responsible for caring for the child and the paternal uncle was in the home at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, upon the victim child's discharge from the hospital, the victim child and the one other child in the home at the time of the incident remained in the home with the mother and the father 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.
- 25.) A 3-month-old female child nearly died on October 26, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on December 14, 2021, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found by a services provider staff member on the bed with no clothing, laying in urine, and appeared malnourished; the staff member contacted emergency medical services. The child was transported to the hospital and presented with a blood sugar level of 44, dehydrated, hypothermic, and malnourished. It was determined through the investigation the child was not properly nourished. 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 had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
- 26.) A 2-year-old male child nearly died on October 19, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on December 13, 2021, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the mother transported the victim child to the local children's hospital due to the child being unconscious after a reported fall; the child presented with altered mental status and was administered Narcan which the child responded positively. A toxicology screening revealed the child was positive for an illegal substance and medical testing showed no injuries that were the result of the reported fall. It was determined through the investigation that the mother was primary caregiver of the child at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed in the care of the father and the one other child in the home at the time of the incident was placed with a relative. 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.
- 27.) A 3-year-old male child nearly died on November 17, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on December 14, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child shot himself in the stomach with an unsecured gun. It was determined through the investigation that the child was left unsupervised by the mother and the father with an unsecured gun. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed in kinship care and the one other child 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 criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
- 28.) A 15-month-old male child nearly died on March 22, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on October 27, 2021, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On September 30, 2021, the victim child had a medical appointment. The doctor was concerned with the child's lack of weight gain and therefore an urgent appointment was scheduled with a specialist; the mother subsequently cancelled the appointment with the specialist. It was determined through the investigation that the child had not gained any weight since March 22, 2021, and that the mother was aware of the child's lack of weight gain and did not understand the severity. 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 remained in the home 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.

#### Schuylkill

- 29.) An 11-month-old female child nearly died on September 12, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Schuylkill County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on November 10, 2021, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child ingested a substance and began acting abnormally therefore emergency services were contacted. The child was transported to the emergency room via ambulance. It was determined through the investigation that the father knowingly took the child to a residence with illegal substances present where the child ingested a substance. 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, no criminal charges had been filed. The family was previously known to child welfare.

#### Washington

- 30.) An 8-month-old female child nearly died on October 24, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Washington County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on December 17, 2021, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child ingested an unknown substance and became lethargic with labored breathing; the mother transported the child to the local emergency room where the child was administered Narcan and responded positively. A toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for illegal substances. It was determined through the investigation that the mother was the sole caregiver of the child at the time of the incident and a plausible explanation for ingestion could not be provided by the mother. 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.

#### Westmoreland

- 31.) A 2-month-old male child nearly died on August 27, 2021, as a result of physical abuse. Westmoreland County Children's Bureau indicated the report on December 20, 2021, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On October 27, 2021, the victim child was involved in a domestic dispute and was taken to the regional pediatric hospital where a skeletal survey and medical evaluations revealed subdural hematomas. The injuries sustained were determined to have occurred dating back to when the child was two months old. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the father were the sole caregivers of the child during the time period the injuries were sustained. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed into 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, no criminal charges had been filed against the mother and the father had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.