

Fatalities

Delaware County

1. A 3-year-old male child died on June 16, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. Delaware County Children and Youth Services indicated the case on December 18, 2017, naming an unknown caregiver as the perpetrator. On June 16, 2017, the child went into cardiac arrest while under the supervision of several adults. The child had reportedly fallen from a chair and in a bathtub that day and had become groggy. The mother's paramour became concerned and contacted the child's mother, and his aunt and grandmother. The child began to lose consciousness with liquid coming from his mouth. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) was administered by the mother's paramour's aunt, while the paramour's grandmother contacted emergency medical services (EMS). EMS arrived at the home and continued CPR. The child was transported via EMS ambulance to a local hospital. The child was pronounced deceased. Medical personnel suspected that the child's death was the result of non-accidental trauma; however, the incident was not reported until October 19, 2017, after it became known that the death was ruled a homicide. An autopsy revealed the child was severely beaten on his buttocks, and sustained bruising to his chest, abrasions to the scalp, hemorrhaging in the liver, and bleeding in the abdomen. There were no other children in the home. At this time, there is an active criminal investigation. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Luzerne County

2. A 16-year-old male child died on October 25, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. Luzerne County Children and Youth Services (LCCYS) indicated the case on November 22, 2017, naming the mother's former paramour as the perpetrator. The child sustained significant injuries as a result of his home being set on fire on October 25, 2017. The fire was intentionally set by the perpetrator. The mother was not home at the time of the incident. The child contacted emergency services requesting help. Police, fire, and ambulance responded. The child was pronounced dead on October 25, 2017, as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning due to smoke inhalation. The victim child's two siblings were also present in the home at the time of the incident; the incident also resulted in their deaths. The mother's former paramour was charged with homicide and is currently incarcerated. The family has a history of involvement with LCCYS. There were three prior general protective services referrals received by LCCYS in 2013, 2016, and 2017. The 2013 referral alleged truancy of the victim child and was closed at intake. The 2016 referral alleged physical discipline of the children by the biological father and behavioral health concerns for the mother and a sibling. This case was closed at intake. The 2017 referral alleged housing and utility concerns and was closed at intake. There are no services currently being provided to the family as there are no surviving children.
3. A 12-year-old male child died on October 25, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. Luzerne County Children and Youth Services (LCCYS) indicated the case on November 22, 2017, naming the mother's former paramour as the perpetrator. The child sustained significant injuries as a result of his home being set on fire on October 25, 2017. The fire was intentionally set by the perpetrator. The mother was not home at the time of the incident. The victim child's older sibling contacted emergency services requesting help. Police, fire and ambulance responded. The child was pronounced dead on October 25, 2017, as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning due to smoke inhalation. The victim child's two siblings were present in the home at the time of the incident; the incident also resulted in their

deaths. The perpetrator was charged with homicide and is currently incarcerated. The family has a history of involvement with LCCYS. There were three prior general protective services referrals received by LCCYS in 2013, 2016, and 2017. The 2013 referral alleged truancy of a sibling and was closed at intake. The 2016 referral alleged physical discipline of the children by the biological father and behavioral health concerns for the mother and a sibling. This case was closed at intake. The 2017 referral alleged housing and utility concerns and was closed at intake. There are no services currently being provided to the family as there are no surviving children.

4. A 7-year-old male child died on October 28, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. Luzerne County Children and Youth Services (LCCYS) indicated the case on November 22, 2017, naming the mother's former paramour as the perpetrator. The child sustained significant injuries as a result of his home being set on fire on October 25, 2017. The fire was intentionally set by the perpetrator. The mother was not home at the time of the incident. The victim child's oldest sibling contacted emergency services requesting help. Police, fire, and ambulance responded. The victim child was transported via life flight to a pediatric specialty hospital for medical exam and treatment due to 3rd degree burns and smoke inhalation. The child was pronounced dead on October 28, 2017, as a result of the injuries sustained. The victim child's two siblings were present in the home at the time of the incident; the incident resulted in their deaths. The perpetrator was charged with homicide and is currently incarcerated. The family has a history of involvement with LCCYS. There were three prior general protective services referrals received by LCCYS in 2013, 2016, and 2017. The 2013 referral alleged truancy of a sibling and was closed at intake. The 2016 referral alleged physical discipline of the children by the biological father and behavioral health concerns for the mother and child. This case was closed at intake. The 2017 referral alleged housing and utility concerns and was closed at intake. There are no services currently being provided to the family as there are no surviving children.

Monroe County

5. A 4-year-old male child died on June 18, 2017, as a result of serious physical neglect. Monroe County Children and Youth Services (MCCYS) indicated the case on October 20, 2017, naming the child's father as the perpetrator. The father left a loaded gun in the living room, awoke on June 18, 2017, and found the child lying face down on the living room floor. Emergency medical services were called, but medical interventions were unsuccessful. The child was pronounced dead at the hospital from a gunshot wound to the head. MCCYS closed the case as there were no other children in the home. The mother of the child did not live in the home. The biological father has had criminal charges of involuntary manslaughter and endangering the welfare of children held for court. Formal arraignment was scheduled for December 6, 2017. The father is currently incarcerated. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Northampton County

6. A 23-month-old male child died on November 1, 2017, as a result of serious physical neglect. Northampton County Children, Youth and Families Division indicated the case on December 1, 2017, naming the mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the mother did not show up to pick up the child's half-sibling from visitation. The half-sibling's father requested the local police department complete a child welfare check. When police entered the home, the mother was found sleeping on the couch and water was heard running in the bathroom. The mother went into the bathroom and found the victim child

floating in the tub unresponsive. Police attempted cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the child was taken to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. The mother tested positive for benzodiazepines, methamphetamines, Xanax, THC, Suboxone, and opiates. The victim child's half-sibling was taken home by his father, who filed for full custody. The mother was charged with involuntary manslaughter, endangering the welfare of a child, and possession of drug paraphernalia and remains incarcerated at this time. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Near Fatalities

Adams County

8. A 3-week-old male child nearly died on August 22, 2017, as a result of serious physical neglect. Adams County Children and Youth indicated the case on October 20, 2017, naming the mother and paternal aunt as the perpetrators. The child was incorrectly placed in a bouncy chair intentionally because the child did not fit properly due to his small size. The mother and paternal aunt who were caring for the child left the child unsupervised for approximately 20 minutes. Upon their return, the victim child was found on the floor with a lump on the side of his head. Later that evening, the mother took the child to the emergency room. The child was determined to have sustained a skull fracture. The victim child's sibling and paternal cousin were present in the home at the time of the incident. A safety plan was enacted to ensure the mother and paternal aunt have no unsupervised contact with the children while the case was being investigated. The family was referred for intensive family support services, parenting education classes, and early intervention services. There have been no criminal charges filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Allegheny County

9. An 11-month-old male child nearly died on August 8, 2017, as a result of serious physical neglect. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth and Families (ACOCYF) indicated the case on October 5, 2017, naming the child's maternal grandmother as the perpetrator. The child presented to the hospital as limp and unresponsive. The child tested positive for cocaine and life-saving measures were taken to revive the child. The maternal grandmother was the sole caregiver of the child at the time of the incident; she denied drug use. ACOCYF obtained an emergency custody order placing the victim child and a 14-year-old sibling with the maternal great-grandmother due to the child protective services report. The child's mother has been re-engaged with a service provider to address her behavioral health challenges since this near fatal incident, and the child is receiving case management services. No charges have been filed by law enforcement. The family has an extensive history with ACOCYF. There were 15 previous general protective service reports dating back to 2010 for parental substance use issues, child substance use issues, parent/child conflict, truancy, and inadequate physical care. The family has been open for services six times, resulting in multiple placements for each child. At the time of the near fatality, the family was open for services with ACOCYF. The victim child was under the legal supervision of ACOCYF and placed with the maternal grandmother due to the mother's substance use, lack of housing, and behavioral health issues.
10. A 10-month-old female child nearly died on October 24, 2017, as a result of serious physical neglect. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth and Families (ACOCYF) indicated the case on November 29, 2017, naming the child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On October 24, 2017, the parents contacted emergency medical services due to the child having an altered mental status and irregular breathing. The child was transported to the local hospital via ambulance and admitted. The child tested positive for Suboxone. The mother stated that she is prescribed Suboxone. The child was also noted to have bacterial pneumonia. The treating physician determined that the Suboxone along with the bacterial pneumonia caused the child's critical condition. There was one sibling present in the home at the time of the incident. The victim child and her sibling were placed in a kinship care home of a paternal family friend. On November 18, 2017, the parents were charged with

aggravated assault, endangering welfare of children, and recklessly endangering another person. The mother was incarcerated on November 21, 2017, and released on November 23, 2017, after posting bail. She was scheduled for formal arraignment on February 2, 2018. The father was arrested on December 4, 2017. He later posted bail and was scheduled for formal arraignment on February 20, 2018. A no contact order was in place for the mother and father, however the mother's was lifted. This family was known to ACOCYF prior to this incident. Five prior referrals had been received between February 2014 and September 2016. There were three general protective service (GPS) referrals in 2014 and 2015 regarding inadequate housing, parental substance use, and behavioral health concerns. The first GPS referral was screened out as the family did not reside in the county at that time. The second and third GPS referrals resulted in services being offered but not provided. In 2016, there were two child protective services (CPS) referrals. The family received in-home services from October 2016 to September 2017 as a result of a sibling's ingestion of buprenorphine. The report was unfounded, but services were provided to assist with monitoring safe storage of medication, housing assistance, parenting skills, and linking the family to community services. The second CPS referral occurred when the sibling was injured in an all-terrain vehicle accident. No services were offered, and the case is still pending criminal court.

11. An 18-month-old female child nearly died on September 15, 2017, as a result of serious physical neglect. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth and Families (ACOCYF) indicated the case on November 1, 2017, naming the mother and father as the perpetrators. On September 15, 2017, the child was taken to a local hospital after exhibiting symptoms of labored breathing and a fast heart rate. The physicians determined she had an enlarged heart, resulting in her being transferred via ambulance to the local pediatric hospital. The child was diagnosed with heart failure, low vitamin D levels, and rickets due to malnutrition. The child demonstrated significant developmental delays and was also behind in her immunizations. The family reported that the child had received little medical care since her birth and had not received immunizations by the parents' choice. There are three siblings present in the home. Their safety was ensured. They remained in the home with the parents. ACOCYF opened the family to ensure that medical follow-up is occurring. No charges were filed, and law enforcement closed their case. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Beaver County

12. A 4-month-old male child nearly died on November 21, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. Beaver County Children and Youth Services indicated the case on December 19, 2017, naming the father as the perpetrator. On November 21, 2017, the mother came home from work and found the child lethargic and his eyes were rolling back into his head. The mother then called emergency medical services (EMS). The child was transported by EMS to the local hospital. The child presented with a bruise on his lower back and buttocks, as well as bruising to his left forearm and left wrist. In addition, the child had a brain bleed. The child was transported to the local pediatric hospital for treatment. The father was the primary caretaker of the child at the time of the incident. The father would not give an explanation for the child's injuries. The victim child, a 7-year-old sibling, and the mother relocated. The father has been charged with aggravated assault, simple assault, endangering the welfare of a child, and endangering another person. The father was incarcerated and remains in Beaver County Jail. The family is receiving parenting classes, early intervention services for the children, and transportation. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Blair County

13. A 3-year-old male child nearly died on September 13, 2017, as a result of physical abuse and serious physical neglect. Blair County Children, Youth and Families (BCCYF) indicated the case on November 9, 2017, naming the child's mother and sibling as the perpetrators. On September 13, 2017, BCCYF was conducting a general protective service assessment visit with the family. The child was in the care of his mother and adult sibling at the time. Upon seeing the child and immediately noticing swelling and distension of the child's stomach, an ambulance was called to transport the child to the local hospital. The child was then transferred to a specialized pediatric hospital. The child was diagnosed with a Wilms tumor (kidney cancer) that metastasized to both lungs, as well as severe anemia. The child was in need of extensive medical care and surgery to remove the tumor. The child has developmental delays, feeding issues, and until this incident had not been seen medically since he was two months old. The medical doctors also stated that the child was medically neglected and that his health was severely compromised by lack of medical care and developmental therapy. The child was discharged from the hospital into a medical foster home. Supportive services through home nursing and early intervention were arranged upon the child's discharge from the hospital. There were no other children present in the home at the time of the incident. All future contact between the perpetrators and the child will be supervised. There have been no criminal charges filed against the perpetrators to date. The family was previously known to BCCYF. At the time of the child's birth in 2014, BCCYF was notified that the child was born addicted to methadone, and it was determined that the mother was legally receiving substance use services. In addition, there were concerns regarding the mother's behavioral health. Home nursing and early intervention services were initiated upon the child's discharge from the hospital. The situation stabilized, no further services were requested, and the case was closed.
14. A 14-year-old female child nearly died on September 7, 2017, as a result of serious physical neglect. Blair County Children, Youth, and Families (BCCYF) indicated the case on November 6, 2017, naming the child's mother as the perpetrator. The mother observed the child on the floor of her bedroom and told the child to get ready for school. The mother went back to the child's bedroom later and noted that the child was on the floor and covered in urine and vomit. The mother called for emergency medical services (EMS) an hour and a half later. EMS staff arrived at the home to find the child in an unresponsive state, still laying on the floor covered in urine. EMS transported the child to the local hospital and the child was subsequently transferred to a pediatric hospital. The mother's delay in seeking treatment caused the child's condition to worsen, requiring the child to be intubated. The child's symptoms indicated ingestion of a substance; however, toxicology reports were negative. A search of the family home conducted by law enforcement did not yield any substances that the child may have ingested. BCCYF assessed that the child was safe in the home of her mother and father, and the child was discharged on September 11, 2017, to the care of her parents. The incident continues to be investigated by police. BCCYF did not have any prior involvement with this family. There was a report in 2016 for the family while they were residing in West Virginia which involved suspected drug dealing; the father's case was dismissed, and the mother's case is still pending. The family moved to Clearfield County, and then relocated to Blair County. Clearfield County Children and Youth opened the family for services in March 2017. The case was closed when the child was determined safe and the family declined services.

Bradford County

15. A 1-month-old male child nearly died on September 7, 2017, as a result of serious physical neglect. Bradford County Children and Youth Services (BCCYS) indicated the case on October 10, 2017, naming the biological mother and father as the perpetrators. The child was admitted to the pediatric unit of a local medical facility. The child was diagnosed with dehydration, low red and white blood cell count, and failure to thrive. The child had not gained weight in 42 days. There was one other sibling present at the time of the incident. A safety assessment resulted in the sibling remaining in the care/custody of a relative. The victim child was placed in foster care upon discharge from the medical facility. The parents were provided feeding instructions by the medical provider, as well as intensive support services. The victim child was returned to the care of the parents in November 2017 with ongoing services. The criminal investigation was completed in October 2017 with no charges being filed. This family had prior involvement with BCCYS for two children due to the mother allowing a Megan's Law sex offender access to her home after repeated requests to prohibit access. The children were subsequently adopted in 2012.

Dauphin County

16. A 2-month-old female child nearly died on September 14, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. Dauphin County Social Services for Children and Youth indicated the case on November 13, 2017, naming the biological father as the perpetrator. The mother returned home from work and found the child limp, grunting, crying as if in pain, and staring blankly. She contacted the pediatrician who directed her to take the child to the hospital. The mother called an ambulance and the child was transported to the emergency room. Medical testing revealed a severe cerebral edema, a subdural hematoma, and 21 rib fractures. The rib fractures were in various stages of healing. The mother was interviewed and reported the child was fine before she left for work the day of the incident. The father was caring for the child the day of the incident but denied causing the injuries. He reported the child was fussy throughout the day. No explanation was provided for how the injuries occurred. There were no other children at the home at the time of the incident. The mother obtained a PFA against the father and relocated. A referral was made to establish supports for the mother and child. The father was arrested on November 17, 2017 and charged with aggravated assault and endangering the welfare of a child. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Delaware County

17. A 4-month-old male child nearly died on October 31, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. Delaware County Children and Youth Agency indicated the case on December 29, 2017, naming the child's father and mother as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the child was transported to the hospital by the mother and father. The parents reported that the child was lethargic. The child presented with seizure activity and was intubated and put on a ventilator. The child had a computerized tomography scan on October 31, 2017, and a magnetic resonance imaging scan on November 2, 2017. It was determined that the child had bilateral subdural brain hemorrhages, bleeding on both sides of the brain, and a ligament injury in his neck. Medical professionals stated that the child's injuries were consistent with non-accidental trauma. In addition, the child had petechia along the neck, chest, and arms, subdural hematomas, and an extensive brain injury. The parents were the only caretakers for the victim child during the time when the incident would have occurred. There is one older sibling in the home. A safety plan was implemented and the parents are

not to have any unsupervised contact with the children. There are three family members responsible for the safety plan. The criminal investigation is ongoing; no charges have been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Montgomery County

18. A 6-month-old male child nearly died on August 14, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. Montgomery County Office of Children & Youth (MCOCY) indicated the case on October 17, 2017, naming the biological father and mother as the perpetrators. The child was in the care of the maternal grandfather while the parents were working. The child was taken to the pediatrician when the maternal grandfather notified the mother that the child seemed lethargic. The pediatrician recommended the child be taken to the local emergency room. The child was diagnosed with a skull fracture and an epidural hematoma. The child was then transported to a specialized pediatric hospital where the child underwent surgery. It was determined that the injury was a result of non-accidental trauma occurring within the preceding 24 hours. The father was the primary caretaker of the child during that timeframe. The mother was named as a perpetrator by omission through her failure to act as she was aware of an unexplained bump developing while in the sole care of the father. The maternal grandfather was ruled out as a possible perpetrator. The child was released into the care of an aunt. The child and maternal half-sibling living in the home at the time of the incident now live with the maternal grandfather as a part of the safety plan arrangement. The parents are receiving case management services through MCOCY. They are cooperating and visiting the child under supervision. A police investigation is pending. The family had no prior documented involvement with child welfare.
19. A 2-year-old male child nearly died on September 15, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth (MCOCY) indicated the case on October 17, 2017, naming the biological mother and mother's paramour as the perpetrators. On September 15, 2017, the mother reported that the victim child began to vomit and became lethargic and unresponsive. The child was transported to the local hospital. The child was determined to have a left clavicle fracture and multiple bruises to his back and shoulders. The child was transferred from the local hospital to a specialized children's hospital. Through further examination, it was determined he had additional injuries including internal bleeding, lacerations to the spleen, liver, and kidney, and rib fractures. It was determined that the victim child suffered multiple blunt force traumas to his abdomen. Video evidence was obtained showing the paramour hit the victim child with force in his abdomen. The paramour stated he boxed with the victim child in the past and encouraged his son and the victim child to box one another. The mother was aware of her paramour having the children fight and continued to leave the victim child unsupervised in his care. The victim child remained at the pediatric hospital for several weeks and underwent acute rehabilitation and therapy. The victim child was transferred to a non-relative foster care home. The perpetrator's biological son's safety was ensured, and he was placed in the care of his paternal grandparents. He was not present at the time of the incident. The paramour was arrested on September 21, 2017, and was charged with aggravated assault, endangering the welfare of a child, reckless endangerment, and simple assault. The paramour is currently incarcerated. The formal hearing was scheduled for November 22, 2017. Currently, there are no criminal charges against the mother. The family has prior involvement with MCOCY. In July 2017, a child protective services report (CPS) and general protective services (GPS) report were received regarding the victim child's access to an unsecured gun and parental substance use. The CPS report was unfounded, and the GPS report was screened out at intake.

Northumberland County

20. A 16-year-old female nearly died on September 26, 2017, as a result of serious physical neglect. Northumberland County Children and Youth Services indicated the case on November 21, 2017, naming the parents as the perpetrators. The child is diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes. On the date of the incident, the victim child was presented at a local hospital with acute diabetic ketoacidosis and admitted to the pediatric intensive care unit. The child presented with an altered mental status, difficulty breathing, abdominal pain, moderate dehydration, and extremely high blood sugar. The child was at risk for internal organ damage, cerebral edema, and retinal damage. The child had a history of noncompliance with diabetic management. The parents failed to monitor the child's diabetic management or obtain regular medical appointments for the child. There was a 17-year-old sibling living in the home with no medical concerns and safety was ensured. The family was opened for services including case management, counseling regarding diabetes monitoring, and counseling for the victim child. There were no criminal charges filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Philadelphia County

21. A 3-year-old female child nearly died on November 26, 2017, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services (PDHS) indicated the case on December 28, 2017, naming the child's paternal grandmother as the perpetrator. On November 26, 2017, emergency medical services (EMS) responded to a 911 call that a child had unknown hemorrhaging. When EMS arrived at the home, it was discovered that the child had suffered gunshot wounds to the right shin and thigh. The child was transported by EMS to the local hospital and later transferred to a specialized pediatric hospital. The child's father had given the maternal grandmother his firearm to secure, however, she fell asleep instead of securing the firearm. The child had access to the firearm and shot herself. The victim child is with the maternal grandmother by court order. There were two other children present in the home at the time of the incident. Both reside with their mother. The family was referred for in-home safety services. The paternal grandmother was charged with endangering the welfare of a child, reckless endangerment, and tampering with evidence. The case remains under investigation. The family has prior involvement with PDHS. A general protective services report regarding inadequate food, inadequate shelter, and parental substance use was received in April 2017 but was determined to be invalid.

22. An 8-month-old female child nearly died on October 3, 2017, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the case on October 31, 2017, naming the mother and father as the perpetrators. On October 3, 2017, the parents took the child to the emergency room at a local pediatric hospital after the child had a seizure. The child's sodium levels were at a low range, which indicated that the child had not been adequately fed. The physician at the local pediatric hospital determined the child to be in serious condition and certified the report as a near fatality. The child was hospitalized for several days as a result of her condition. There were three siblings in the home at the time of the incident. They received medical examinations that were found to be within normal limits. The children were placed in a foster care home to ensure their safety. The victim child was then released to the same foster home. The family was provided case management services, parenting enhancement services, behavioral and physical health assessments, and monitoring. The biological mother's family was involved with children and youth during her childhood.

23. A 7-month-old female child nearly died on October 27, 2017, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services (PDHS) indicated the case on December 1, 2017, naming the father as the perpetrator. It is reported that the child and father fell asleep, and when the father awoke, the child was wedged between the baseboard heater and the wall. The victim child sustained second and third degree burns to her shoulder, backside, and neck that required skin grafting. The father reportedly did not notice the burns at the time of the incident and placed the child into the pack n' play. He reported that he noticed the burns the next day and called the ambulance to transport the child to the hospital. The physician stated that the father's account as to how the injuries occurred was inconsistent with the severity of the injuries. There was one older sibling in the home at the time of the incident. The sibling and victim child were placed in kinship care. The father has not been criminally charged. PDHS had one prior general protective services report in March 2017 following the victim child's birth due to the mother obtaining inadequate prenatal care. It was determined to be invalid.
24. A 4-year-old male child nearly died on September 28, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services (PDHS) indicated the case on October 26, 2017, naming the child's mother and her paramour as the perpetrators. The child's body had injuries consistent with having been struck by both a linear object and/or belt. The child sustained extensive bruising on his back, thighs, buttocks, right shoulder, and right arm. The local children's hospital certified the child to be in serious or critical condition due to his injuries. There was one other child in the home at the time of the incident. Both children are in the care of the maternal grandmother and receiving case management services through PDHS. The local police arrested both the child's mother and her paramour on September 29, 2017. The victim child's mother posted bail on October 13, 2017 and was released; a hearing was scheduled for January 22, 2018. The mother's paramour remains incarcerated as he awaits trial, which was scheduled for February 7, 2018. PDHS had prior involvement with the family. There were two general protective services referrals received in 2015 and 2017 for inappropriate discipline. Both reports were screened out.
25. A 23-month-old male child nearly died on April 24, 2017, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services (PDHS) indicated the case on October 11, 2017, naming the mother as the perpetrator. After the child awoke from a nap, he was drowsy and unresponsive. The child was taken by the mother to a local hospital and then transported to a specialized pediatric hospital due to ingesting an unknown substance. There was an older sibling in the home at the time of the incident whose safety was assessed and was placed in the care of the maternal aunt due to the mother's whereabouts being unknown. The victim child is in the care of his father. The criminal investigation is still pending. There was prior involvement with PDHS. A general protective services report was received in 2015 due to the mother testing positive for oxycodone at the time of the victim child's birth; the report was determined to be valid. The family received voluntary prevention services for three months in 2015 following this report.
26. A 2-year-old male child nearly died October 05, 2017, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services (PDHS) indicated the case on December 1, 2017, naming the mother as the perpetrator. The mother informed the father that the child inadvertently drank methadone while attending the methadone clinic with her. The father brought the child to a local hospital emergency room. The child presented unresponsive and having difficulty breathing. The child was then transported to a specialized pediatric hospital. The child tested positive for methadone. The child was given several doses of Narcan to revive him. The child was discharged from the hospital into the father's care. The family is

currently receiving services and a safety plan has been implemented. There were no other children present at the time of the incident. There have been no criminal charges filed at this time; the police investigation is still pending. The family was previously known to PDHS. General protective services reports were received in 2007 and 2016. The 2007 report alleged the sibling tested positive for substance use; it was determined to be valid and in-home services were provided to the family. The 2016 report alleged the mother abandoned the child when approached by the police because she appeared to be under the influence of substances. The report was determined to be valid. The child was placed in kinship from March 2016 through December 2016 when custody was given to his father.

27. A 22-month-old female child nearly died on September 1, 2017, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services (PDHS) indicated the case on October 20, 2017, naming the biological mother and father as the perpetrators. The victim child's primary care physician completed an examination on August 31, 2017 and sent the child immediately to the local emergency room due to signs of failure to thrive. The child was in the zero percentile of height and weight. The child had missed multiple previously scheduled medical appointments. Medical authorities diagnosed the child with severe malnutrition and her bones had not formed properly. Her limbs were visibly deformed, and she was non-weight bearing. These conditions were somewhat attributed to a medical diagnosis of Rickets. PDHS concluded that both parents were responsible for the child's failure to thrive due to their negligence. There were two other children, a full sibling and a half sibling, residing in the home. The children appeared to be of appropriate weight and did not appear to be malnourished or dehydrated. The full sibling was placed in the home of a step-grandmother as a part of a safety plan. The half sibling was placed with the paternal grandmother along with the victim child. The parents have supervised visitation with the children. PDHS is providing services to the family including parenting capacity evaluations, dual diagnosis assessments, and random drug screens. There has not been action by law enforcement in the case. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
28. An 11-year-old male child nearly died on August 25, 2017, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services (PDHS) indicated the case on October 16, 2017, naming the maternal grandfather and the biological father as the perpetrators. The child was left home alone with his four siblings, ages 13, 7, 5, and 4, for approximately one hour. The parents and maternal grandfather were not present at the time of the incident. During that time, the child shot himself in the face with a firearm while playing Russian Roulette. The child's 13-year-old sibling contacted the parents to notify them that the child had been shot. The biological parents returned home and immediately transported him to a local hospital. The child was then transported to a specialized pediatric hospital. The victim child sustained extensive facial fractures. The child has received several surgeries as a result of the incident. The victim child had access to the firearm, which was stored unsecured in the maternal grandfather's bedroom in the home. The maternal grandfather and father were aware the firearm was unsecured. A safety plan was implemented placing the children in the care of the maternal aunt and uncle. The family is receiving case management services. A criminal investigation was conducted by the local police and no charges were filed. There is prior involvement with PDHS. A general protective services (GPS) report was received in 2011 due to the death of a child and support services were provided. A GPS report was received in 2014 due to an infant testing positive for substances at birth and the family received in-home services for four months.
29. An 18-month-old male child nearly died on September 22, 2017, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services (PDHS) indicated the case on

November 9, 2017, naming the child's father as the perpetrator. The father states that he left the child unsupervised to use the bathroom, and when he returned, the child was unresponsive. The victim child was transported to the local hospital emergency department via ambulance. The child presented with noisy, infrequent breathing, and dilated pupils. The child was revived with Narcan and epinephrine. The medical diagnosis was opioid ingestion based on the child's symptoms and revival after the Narcan was administered. It was reported there were opioids accessible to the child in the home. The father was responsible for the child at the time of the incident. There was a maternal cousin, age 5, present at the time of the incident. There were no safety threats to that child who primarily resides with his father. The victim child was placed in foster care. The county is providing an array of services as a result of this investigation including case management, daycare, behavioral health services for the parents, substance use services, parenting education, and parenting for young parents. There is an ongoing criminal investigation. The family was not previously known to PDHS; however, there were two prior referrals regarding the mother as a child.

30. A 2-month-old female child nearly died on September 14, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the case on October 17, 2017, naming the biological father as the perpetrator. On September 14, 2017, the child was taken to a local medical provider by her parents due to the child being unresponsive and seizing. The child was transferred to a local specialized pediatric hospital. The child was diagnosed with subdural hematoma resulting from a non-accidental trauma. The child was in the care of the father at the time of the incident. The child was discharged from the hospital in December to the maternal great aunt. There was one other unrelated child present in the home at the time of the incident and the safety of that child was ensured. The mother has supervised visits and has been referred for behavioral health services. The biological father was arrested on September 14, 2017, and charged with criminal attempt-criminal homicide, aggravated assault, endangering the welfare of a child, simple assault, and recklessly endangering another person. A court hearing was scheduled for March 20, 2018. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
31. A 12-year-old female child nearly died on August 29, 2017, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the case on October 18, 2017, naming the child's mother and mother's paramour as the perpetrators. On August 29, 2017, the child was brought to a local hospital by her mother and her mother's paramour after suffering two seizure episodes at home. The child was not immediately transported via ambulance after the first seizure episode. The child suffered another seizure episode at the hospital. The child required intubation and mechanical ventilator support and was subsequently transferred to a specialized pediatric hospital. It was reported that the child's failure to thrive, her seizures, and her need for emergency medical intervention were due to inadequate caloric intake and water overload. The child weighed 56 pounds and had only gained nine pounds in two years. There were concerns for child maltreatment as it was reported that the child was often hungry but given water instead of food. The food was kept in a padlocked area that only the mother and her paramour could access. Both admitted to supplementing the child's meals with an excess of water. The mother reported making meals such as oatmeal, bread, and noodles to fill up the child and her 10-year-old brother who also lives in the home. The victim child's brother was evaluated at the local pediatric hospital on August 31, 2017, and immediately admitted for concerns of severe malnutrition. On September 8, 2017, the children were discharged from the hospital and placed in foster care. The children were referred for behavioral health services in addition to case management services to coordinate their follow up medical care. On October 19, 2017, the child's mother and mother's paramour were arrested and charged with aggravated assault,

conspiracy, two counts of endangering the welfare of a child, simple assault, and recklessly endangering another person. They were both incarcerated until December 4, 2017, when the judge dismissed the criminal charges due to a lack of evidence. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Westmoreland County

32. A 1-month-old male child nearly died on November 1, 2017, as a result of serious physical neglect. Westmoreland County Children's Bureau (WCCB) indicated the case on December 21, 2017, naming the child's mother as the perpetrator. The child was admitted to the hospital from September 29, 2017, through October 1, 2017, for phlebitis. There were three follow-up appointments scheduled in October that were unattended. The child was not seen medically until November 1, 2017 and was diagnosed with severe failure to thrive and an endocrine disorder. The mother was instructed by the doctor to take the child to the emergency room immediately. She told the doctor she had transportation to the hospital. WCCB and the local law enforcement had to intervene due to the mother not immediately transporting the child the hospital. The mother's lack of response to the child's medical condition was life threatening to the child. On December 1, 2017, the child and his 1-year-old sibling moved into an inpatient substance use program in Allegheny County with their mother. There were no criminal charges filed. The case will be judicially transferred to the Allegheny County Courts where the mother is receiving substance use treatment. There were three previous general protective service referrals to WCCB for parental substance use between June 2016 and September 2017. Two of the GPS referrals were screened out. The third was closed after assessment without any services provided through WCCB. A referral was made for private in-home services to work with the parents for substance use concerns.

Wyoming County

33. A 5-year-old male child nearly died on September 14, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. Wyoming County Children and Youth Services indicated the case on November 9, 2017, naming the child's father as the perpetrator. On September 14, 2017, the father brought the victim child and the child's two siblings to a friend's home. The father got into an altercation with another adult and took out a pocketknife. The father reports holding the knife by his side and the child running into the knife. The child was transported by emergency medical services (EMS) to the hospital. EMS was unable to obtain a blood pressure reading and the child was in and out of consciousness. The child suffered a traumatic knife injury to the left upper lobe of the heart, lacerating his subclavian artery resulting in hemorrhagic shock and cardiac arrest. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation was performed on the child. The child also suffered brain injury from the incident. The child's injuries required extensive surgical procedures. The child stabilized and was transported by helicopter to a pediatric surgical facility. The extent of his injuries required additional surgery and therapies. The child was discharged to a rehabilitation facility on October 9, 2017. The child was discharged to the care his mother on November 2, 2017. The child will need extensive rehabilitation. The mother, child, and child's sibling are not in need of child welfare services at this time. The father, his paramour, and their children were assessed and are receiving services. Their children have been placed in kinship care. The mother filed a Protection from Abuse order against the father. A three-year no contact order was granted. The father has been criminally charged. He was charged with aggravated assault, aggravated assault-victim less than 13, simple assault, endangering welfare of children, simple assault, and recklessly endangering another person. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.