

2013 3rd Quarter Summaries

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FATALITIES

Clarion County

1.) A six month old male child died on Nov. 15, 2013. The incident which ultimately resulted in this child's fatality occurred on Aug. 31, 2013. Clarion County Children and Youth Services substantiated the report in Oct. 2013, naming the maternal aunt's paramour as a perpetrator by commission and the maternal aunt as a perpetrator by omission. The child and his two brothers were camping with the maternal relatives in Clarion County at the time of the incident, but resided with their mother in Ashtabula County, Ohio. On the date of incident, the maternal aunt and her paramour took the child into their tent. Later, they came out of the tent and stated that the child was lethargic and started to vomit. On this same date the child was driven to a hospital in Venango County by his maternal grandfather and maternal aunt, who reported that the child was lethargic and vomiting after waking from a nap. When the child arrived at the hospital, he was non-responsive, seizing, and had multiple bruises. The maternal grandfather and aunt did not have an explanation for the child's condition. The child's injuries included subdural hematoma, extraordinary brain edema, and liver injury. The child was intubated and put on life support. The mother was not present during the incident and later admitted to using heroin the weekend that the children were in Clarion County. On Sept. 9, 2013, the hospital reported to Clarion County Children and Youth Services that the child's neurological system was devastated and that child was not expected to recover. The father, who was incarcerated when the incident occurred, was subsequently released from prison on Sept. 10, 2013 and requested that he be allowed to take the child back to Ohio. This request was denied and Pennsylvania State Police agreed to take protective custody if the family tried to remove the child from the hospital. The child was taken off life support on Sept. 11, 2013. On Sept. 16, 2013, the child was transferred from the hospital to a medical residential facility in Pennsylvania. The mother and father were permitted to stay with the child at the facility. The child died on Nov. 15, 2013. The child has two male siblings, ages three and five. Clarion County Children and Youth Services met with the siblings at the camp in Clarion County and determined that they were safe and they remained in the care of the maternal grandparents. Ashtabula County Ohio Children Services Board was contacted on Aug. 31, 2013 and opened a case upon the family's return to Ohio. The perpetrators do not have any children. The maternal aunt has been charged with conspiracy-criminal homicide, conspiracy-aggravated assault, endangering the welfare of children-preventing/interfering with making a report, conspiracy-simple assault, and recklessly endangering another person. The aunt's paramour has been charged with criminal homicide, conspiracy-criminal homicide, aggravated assault, endangering the welfare of a child, simple assault, and recklessly endangering another person. They are both incarcerated and are awaiting their preliminary hearings which are scheduled for the beginning of March 2014.

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Crawford County

2) A 2 year old female child died by drowning on July 20, 2013. Crawford County Children and Youth Services substantiated the report for lack of supervision, naming the maternal grandmother as the perpetrator. The child was in the care of the maternal grandmother on the date of incident. The maternal grandmother admitted that the child went outside without her knowledge and was missing for approximately 45 minutes. The maternal grandmother also admitted that she did not make sure the two gates to the pool were secured. The maternal grandmother was previously known to Crawford County Children and Youth Services in Sept. 2007 as a perpetrator by omission for failing to protect her daughter from sexual abuse by a sibling. There is a 7-month-old sister residing in the mother's home. The mother will not allow the maternal grandmother to care for this child. The maternal grandmother's family was known to Crawford County Children and Youth for several years, when the mother was a child, due to multiple general protective services reports for home conditions, lack of hygiene, lack of supervision, and lack of food. There was no open case at the time of the child's death. The family is currently receiving in-home parenting services. No criminal charges have been filed.

Cumberland County

3) An 8 year old male child died Sept. 5, 2013 after he was accidentally shot in the back of the head by his younger brother. Cumberland County Children and Youth Services (CYS) substantiated the report in Sept. 2013 and named the victim child's biological mother a perpetrator due to neglect. At the time of the incident the mother and both biological children were residing at her paramour's house. On the evening of Sept. 1 the children's mother stated that she took prescription drugs which caused her to fall asleep. She stated that her youngest child eventually shook her to wake her up and told her he accidentally shot his brother. The mother called 911 and was told to place the injured child on the bed and keep pressure on the wound until paramedics arrived. When paramedics arrived at the scene they found the injured child on the living room floor and his mother was in the bedroom sleeping. Paramedics stated the child was bleeding from the back of his head and rushed him to a local hospital where he died four days later. The mother eventually admitted to snorting several prescription drugs through a straw on the evening her child was shot. CYS has been unable to locate the children's biological father and has placed the younger sibling in agency foster care. In Aug. 2013 a referral was received by CYS related to the condition of the paramour's home. CYS made several unsuccessful attempts to meet the family at the paramour's home, but were eventually able to reach the family via telephone to schedule a visit in September. Pennsylvania State Police investigated the case and have charged the children's mother with involuntary manslaughter and two counts each of reckless endangerment and endangering the welfare of a child. The mother is currently incarcerated as she awaits trial.

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Delaware County

4.) A six month old child is presumed deceased after an incident on Aug. 5, 2013. Delaware County Children and Youth Services substantiated the report in Oct. 2013 listing the mother's paramour as the perpetrator for physical abuse. The mother and child resided with her paramour, the paramour's brother, the brother's wife, and their son in a home in York County. The family was in Delaware County visiting the paramour's family. The child had not been seen by his mother since August 3 as the paramour was keeping the child away from the mother because he was allegedly "trying to bond with the child." The mother was told by the paramour's brother that the paramour had taken the child to Maine on August 4 to visit the maternal grandmother. The mother later stated that her paramour had told her that he hated the baby and had previously threatened to throw the child off of a bridge. The child was reported missing after the mother called her family's home and was told the paramour and child were not there. The mother was eventually told by the paramour's brother that the paramour admitted to him that he shook the child and the child stopped breathing. The paramour left the house with the child and allegedly buried the child somewhere outside of Delaware County. The mother's paramour was eventually located back at their home in York County on August 7. He told investigators that he was playing roughly with the child; he shook the child so the child would be quiet, and the child stopped breathing. He stated that he attempted CPR on the child and he wrapped the child in a sheet and placed the child in the back of his car. He admitted that he initially buried the child in one place, dug the child up, and buried him in a second location after providing the child with a proper Muslim burial. The paramour has told investigators and the mother that they will never locate the child's body. The paramour was arrested and remains incarcerated on the following charges: kidnapping to inflict injury or terror, kidnapping to facilitate a felony, false imprisonment, concealment of the whereabouts of a child, tampering or fabricating physical evidence, criminal homicide, abuse of a corpse, murder of the first degree, murder of the second degree, and murder of the third degree. He has pled not guilty and is currently awaiting trial. The mother and the child had moved into the paramour's home in May 2013. They resided there with the paramour's brother, the brother's wife, and their two year old son. The mother claimed that after she moved to the home her paramour and his brother began to abuse her, isolate her from her family, and prevent her from leaving their home. She also stated that her paramour and his brother would be physically abusive to the child by pinching and hitting him. The mother stated that her paramour would call the child "negative energy baby." The two year old child was seen by York County Children and Youth Services and determined to be safe living with his mother and father, who deny the victim child was physical abused previously. The family was not known to Delaware or York County Children and Youth Services prior to the incident.

Elk County

5-6) A seven year old male child and his eight year old sister were shot and killed by their father on July 4, 2013. The report was substantiated by Elk County Children and Youth Services in August 2013. On the date of incident, the father called both children

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into his bedroom and used two different handguns to shoot them. The father shot the male child seven times and the female child nine times. The mother was at work during the incident. There is a 14-year-old half-sister who was at a friend's home on the date of incident. After shooting the two children, the father shot and killed himself. Reportedly, the mother and father's relationship had been strained for several years. The mother asked the father to leave the home multiple times, but he ignored her. There was no report of domestic violence between the parents. The father was described by the victim child's mother as passive before this incident. There is no history of Elk County Children Youth Services involvement. There are no criminal charges, as the father is deceased. The older half-sister is safe in the mother's care. The agency closed the case but has provided the mother with information about mental health and domestic violence services in the area that she can seek independently if warranted.

Lancaster County

7.) A three month old male child passed away on April 21, 2013 as a result of neglect. Lancaster County Children and Youth Services began their investigation into this incident in July 2013 and substantiated the case in Sept. 2013 listing both the mother and father as perpetrators of medical neglect. The agency became aware of the incident at the time of the child's death; however waited until the results of the autopsy before starting their investigation. The parents stated that the child had been sick for 10 days with high fevers for a period of eight days. The parents are of the Amish faith and stated that they were using natural remedies to treat the child. The child's cause of death was determined to be sepsis due to bronchopneumonia. The investigation determined that the child could have been treated and survived with prompt medical attention and as little as \$5 worth of medication. Amish doctors were available to the family but they chose not to take the child to one. The parents have acknowledged that they should have sought medical attention for the child. This was the family's only child. The family was not known previously to Lancaster County Children and Youth Services. State police did investigate this case and have charged both parents with one count misdemeanor endangering the welfare of a child and one count misdemeanor recklessly endangering another person. The mother is currently pregnant and the agency will begin providing services to the family once the child is born.

Northampton County

8) A newborn male child died Aug. 18, 2013 after being suffocated by his mother. Northampton County Department of Human Services substantiated the report in Aug. 2013 naming the child's biological mother as the perpetrator. The day after the child's death his body was found stuffed in the tank of a toilet at a local bar. Police were called and were able to eventually locate the victim child's mother at which point she confessed to killing her newborn child. During questioning, she stated that a few months prior to the incident she found out she was pregnant and told no one. On the evening of Aug. 18 she stated she met 3 friends at a local sports bar to watch wrestling when she began to experience pains and went into the bathroom. While in the

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bathroom she gave birth to a live baby boy and proceeded to suffocate him. She told police that she then stuffed him in a trash bag and put him in the back of the toilet. Afterwards, she went back to the table with her friends for an hour and then went home. The victim's mother was arrested and as of Jan. 2014 is awaiting trial on homicide charges. The perpetrator has had no history with Northampton County or Lehigh County CYS, where she lived, prior to this incident.

Philadelphia County

9) A four year old female child died on July 16, 2013 from non-accidental blunt force trauma. Philadelphia Department of Human Services (DHS) indicated the case in July 2013 based off of medical evidence and named the victim child's biological mother and her paramour as the perpetrators. The victim child's biological mother and her paramour brought the child to the hospital. The child was not breathing upon arrival and doctors were unable to resuscitate; she was pronounced dead shortly after. Medical tests show that the victim child died of non-accidental serious physical injuries. She suffered from abdominal blunt force trauma; she had a lacerated liver, numerous bruises all over her body, contusions, and fractures. When questioned about what happened the victim child's biological mother had provided inconsistent statements about the timeline of events. The mother stated that the child had not been feeling well for several days. Earlier in the evening the child had vomited and defecated in her pants. The mother placed the child in the bathtub but did not supervise her. The mother varied the amount of time she left the child alone in the tub, from 10 minutes to up to 30 minutes. The mother also claimed that the child was brought to the hospital immediately; however the child did not arrive at the hospital until after 2am. The mother stated that instead of calling an ambulance, she attempted to contact her paramour, as she thought he would arrive more quickly. She was unable to reach her paramour so she sent a text to her uncle requesting a ride. She also made several other calls "accidentally" that night prior to taking the child to the hospital. The mother claims she contacted her paramour around 12:30 am but that he didn't arrive at the home until after 2 am. When questioned about the bruises all over the child's body, the biological mother stated that a 5 year old at the victim child's daycare beat her the previous two days. Philadelphia police arrested the biological mother, and charged her with murder, endangering the welfare of a child, conspiracy-aggravated assault, and involuntary manslaughter. In Sept. 2013 she pled guilty to the endangerment, conspiracy, and involuntary manslaughter charges. She is currently awaiting sentencing. The mother's paramour, who is also the biological father of the youngest child, was arrested and charged with murder, conspiracy, aggravated assault, involuntary manslaughter, and endangering the welfare of a child. He is currently incarcerated and awaiting trial. The family has a history with DHS. There were five prior referrals from 2007-2013 and each previous report was unsubstantiated, two of which have been expunged from the system. The most recent referral was received in June 2013 relating to concerns regarding the child limping, having a bruise near her chin, and an open wound surrounded by a bruise on her back. At least two other reports were received around this same time frame concerning the number and type of injuries the child had. The child and her mother were interviewed and denied that the child was being abused by

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anyone. Medical consultations also stated that the injuries appeared consistent with explanations provided by the child and her mother. The family was referred for voluntary family empowerment services, and the first meeting with the family was held on July 3, 2014. The mother rescheduled or missed subsequent appointments and the service worker planned on making an unannounced visit to the home the afternoon of the child's death. The biological mother has two other children, one of which lives full time with the maternal grandmother and was not at the home on the evening of the incident, and the other, just under one year old, was placed in foster care. Philadelphia DHS is looking into kinship resources for the youngest child.

10.) A seven year old male child died on July 18, 2013 as a result of neglect while at his daycare. The Southeast Office of Children, Youth, and Families substantiated the case in Sept. 2013 listing the daycare director and three staff as perpetrators for lack of supervision. The child and 22 of his peers were taken for an outing to a city pool. The daycare had knowledge that the child and some of his peers could not swim. The daycare staff had received water safety training from the American Red Cross two days prior to the outing. Three trips had to be made in order to transport all of the children to the pool. The daycare staff stated that they assumed none of the children could swim so they grouped all of the children in the shallow end of the pool. There was no divider between shallow and deep ends of the pool. Three to four lifeguards were present and on duty at the time of the incident. At one point there was three staff for 21 children in the pool, which is short of the 6:1 ratio required by child care regulations. The child was noticed to be missing once the daycare director arrived back on site and did a head count of the children. The child was pulled from the bottom of the pool, provided CPR, and transported to a local hospital where he later passed away. The investigation determined that staff was not assigned specific children to monitor and none of the staff present were accountable for the child's whereabouts. Additionally, the staff to child ratio did not meet regulatory standards. The daycare had been cited in June 2013 for missing documentation of staff qualifications and health assessments and for a number of physical site issues. These violations were corrected by the end of June. The license for the daycare was formally revoked on Sept. 3, 2012 but is currently under appeal. Police have investigated this case and no charges have been filed.

11) A 3 year old female child died on Sept. 9, 2013 as a result of starvation. Philadelphia Department of Human Services (DHS) indicated the case in Sept. 2013 and named the child's biological mother and father as the perpetrators. The victim child was brought to the hospital by her mother on Sept. 9 where doctors stated she was dead on arrival. During her examination doctors noted multiple wounds over various parts of her body, flea bites, and live cockroaches were still on the child, she was malnourished, emaciated, and dehydrated. The coroner ruled the cause of death as homicide due to starvation. The victim child suffered no blunt force trauma and it appeared to doctors that her bruising was a result of her extremely poor nutrition. The victim child was also blind in one eye and had extreme developmental delays, but had not been seen by a physician in over a year. There were four other children in the household, between ages 4 through 9 years old, all of whom were immediately removed from the home and are now in foster care. DHS is looking into the possibility of kinship

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care, but at this time is proceeding cautiously due to the nature of neglect to the children previously with no relatives intervening. The family was known to DHS but did not have a case open at the time the child died. Previously, three of the siblings were adjudicated dependent and placed in foster care due to poor living conditions. While the children were in foster care the biological family moved into more appropriate housing and a year later the court ordered the children be returned to the biological family. DHS provided in home supervision, monitoring, and support services to the family, during which time enough progress was made for the case to be closed in Jan. 2009, ten months before the victim child and her twin were born. Both biological parents are currently incarcerated awaiting trial on charges of first degree murder and endangering the welfare of children (one charge for each child in the household).

NEAR FATALITIES

Allegheny County

1) A six month old male child nearly died in July 2013 due to an infection he received as a result of abuse. The Allegheny County Department of Human Services (DHS) substantiated the case in Sept. 2013 listing the mother as a perpetrator of serious physical neglect. The child had been admitted to the hospital for vomiting in May 2013. The child was transferred to the pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) for 10 days in July after becoming very ill with an unusual infection. The mother was later observed in the hospital making fake dirty diapers, smearing feces, and tampering with child's IV line and feeding tube. It is believed that mother's actions caused the child to have the infections. The investigation also determined that while at the hospital, the mother would over exaggerate the child's medical problems. During the child's stay at the hospital, he was subjected to multiple tests, sedations, procedures, blood draws, and other unnecessary risks and treatments. Later medical testing showed that child had a normal GI system and was able to gain weight. The mother did admit to the allegations. The investigation determined that the father was not aware of mother's actions. The mother was arrested in Aug. 2013 and was charged with endangering the welfare of a child, recklessly endangering another person, and aggravated assault. She is currently awaiting trial. The child was released from the hospital into the care of his father on July 31, 2013. The child has a three year old brother who also resides in the home. He was determined to be safe in the home. The father has accepted responsibility for the medical care of both children and is not allowing the mother contact with the children. DHS closed their case with the family at the end of Sept. 2013. The mother has voluntarily stated she will have no contact with the children and signed a safety plan. The father has also stated he will not allow the mother to have contact with the children. As a condition of her criminal case, the mother has to go back to court to show she had a mental health evaluation before she can have contact with her children again.

2) A four year old child nearly died on Aug. 18, 2013 due to internal injuries sustained due to non-accidental trauma. Allegheny Department of Human Services substantiated the case in Oct. 2013, naming the mother and the mother's paramour as perpetrators. The injury is believed to have occurred sometime between Aug. 17 and Aug. 18, 2013.

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The mother stated that when she woke the child on the date of incident, there was vomit in the child's bed and that the child continued to vomit throughout the day. The child refused to eat and seemed to have stomach pain when the mother picked him up. The mother stated that she thought that the child had a virus. The mother contacted the child's pediatrician the next day. The pediatrician recommended that the mother take the child to the hospital. Upon examination, the child was diagnosed with a large duodenal perforation and peritonitis, which the hospital determined was caused sometime in the previous 24-36 hours. The child was in the care of the mother and the mother's paramour at the time of injury. The mother and her paramour have been unable to provide an explanation for the child's injuries. The child received emergency surgery on Aug. 19, 2013. The mother's paramour was charged with aggravated assault and endangering the welfare of children; however, police have not been able to locate him. The child was discharged from the hospital in Sept. 2013 and temporarily placed with the maternal grandparents. The county filed a dependency petition and recommended that the child not be placed back into the care of his mother due to her being named as a perpetrator in the abuse of the child. The child was ordered by the court to be placed back into the care of the mother in Dec. 2013, which was not the recommendation of the agency. The court also ordered that the mother take the child to play therapy and the mother is complying with this order. There are no other children in the family. This family was not known to Allegheny County Department of Human Services prior to the incident.

Armstrong County

3) A 14 year old female child nearly died on Sept. 6, 2013 as a result of medical neglect. Armstrong County Children, Youth and Family Services indicated the report in Sept. 2013 and named the victim child's biological father as the perpetrator. Beginning on Sept. 2 the child told her father that she was not feeling well, stating she had nausea, vomiting, and fever, as well as severe back and abdominal pain. The child's father stated that he had to go to work and did not have enough money to take her to the doctor. On Sept. 4 the victim child saw the school nurse and complained of the same issues she told her father about two days prior. The child's father was contacted and agreed to take the child to the doctor right away, but never did. The morning of Sept. 6, the victim child called her biological mother, living in West Virginia, and told her of the pain she has been having. The child's mother then called a friend in Pennsylvania asking him to take the child to the hospital. The mother's friend met the child and her father at a gas station and immediately took the child to a local hospital. The victim child arrived at the hospital emergency room with severe abdominal pain. A CT Scan of the child's abdomen showed a ruptured appendix with free air and fluid in her stomach, as well as a perforation and small bowel obstruction. The on call physician certified the child to be in critical condition, stating she is expected to survive, but the recovery will be long. After receiving antibiotics and pain medication the victim child was taken by helicopter to a children's hospital. Through the investigation and medical evidence it was determined that the child's condition worsened due to her father neglecting her medical needs. The child was able to recover while in the hospital and has moved back to West Virginia with her biological mother, who is willing and able to care for her. The

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agency has made a referral to West Virginia. The family was not opened for services as the child left the state after being discharged from the hospital. Police investigated the incident and have decided not to charge the father with a criminal offense. The child has an older 15 year old sister, who is also residing with the mother, and an 18 year old brother who is no longer living in the home. The family was known to Armstrong County Children, Youth and Family Services as the child and her siblings were victims of sexual abuse by a household member in 2005.

Beaver County

4.) A one year old male child nearly died on Sept. 20, 2013 due broken bones and an infection. Beaver County Children and Youth Services substantiated the report in Oct. 2013 listing the father, mother, and mother's paramour as perpetrators of abuse. Police responded to the father's home for a welfare check on Sept. 20, 2013. They had the child taken to a local hospital and he was later life flighted to a children's hospital. The child was diagnosed with multiple fractures in his extremities in different stages of healing. He had multiple bruises and lacerations to his face, ears, abdomen, and extremities. The child also had an infection in his bone marrow due to a fracture in his left arm. The mother told police that the child fell from a stroller. The investigation determined that the child's pain would have been severe and that it is believed the injuries occurred over a three month period. Had the child not received medical treatment at the time he would have died within 24 hours due to the extent of his bone marrow infection. The mother and her paramour were both arrested and charged with one count each, aggravated assault, simple assault, endangering the welfare of a child, and recklessly endangering another person. They are currently incarcerated. The father was also arrested and charged with one count each, endangering the welfare of a child and recklessly endangering another person. The father was charged for failing to protect the child and get the child the necessary medical care he needed for his injuries. The father was able to post bond and is currently on house arrest awaiting trial. The mother and child were residing with the maternal grandmother in New Jersey until June 2013 when they moved to Beaver County to be with the father. The father had consistent contact with the child. The mother and child resided with the mother's paramour and the paramour's mother. The father was residing with his own mother. Both the paternal grandmother and the paramour's mother have also been charged in relation to this incident. They were not indicated by the county as they were determined to not be primary caretakers for the child. The child was discharged on Oct. 1, 2013 and placed into foster care. A dependency hearing was held and the judge determined that aggravated circumstances existed as the child was determined to be an abused child. The county does not have to provide services to the family and the child's reunification goal was changed to adoption. The county is currently having an Interstate Compact study completed on the maternal grandmother's home in New Jersey for possible placement of the child. The child is currently in foster care while the Interstate homestudy is being completed.

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5) A two month old female child nearly died on Aug. 4, 2013 due to multiple injuries from physical abuse. Cumberland County Children and Youth Services (CYS) substantiated the report in Sept. 2013, naming the father as the perpetrator. On the date of incident, the father was watching the child and the father admitted to police that he became frustrated with the child and threw her approximately 10 feet, using both hands. The child hit the wooden part of the couch and landed on her head on the floor. Afterwards, the father attempted to feed the child a bottle and the child stopped breathing at which time the father called 911. The child was taken to the hospital and diagnosed with multiple traumatic brain injuries, rib fractures, an intra-abdominal injury to the liver, retinal hemorrhaging, and ischemic brain damage. The child is blind as a result of this incident. Medical professionals believe that the child's brain damage is permanent and will result in the limitations to the child's mobility and ability to care for herself in the future. The father has been charged with aggravated assault, endangering the welfare of a child, and simple assault. The father is incarcerated. The child was discharged from the hospital into the care of her maternal grandparents and the mother. They currently have shared custody of both the child and her eighteen month old sister. The family is currently receiving case management services from CYS. Both of the girls are receiving early intervention services and the victim child is also receiving in-home nursing. The mother is currently in outpatient treatment. In April 2013, Cumberland County Children and Youth investigated an allegation of lack of supervision but closed the case in June 2013 due to a lack of evidence.

Delaware County

6) A four month old female child nearly died on July 22, 2013 due to injuries sustained from non-accidental physical abuse. Delaware County Children and Youth Services (CYS) indicated the report in July 2013 and named the victim child's biological father as the perpetrator. The victim child's biological mother stated that she fed her daughter at 9:00 pm the previous evening, put her to bed and eventually left for work at 3:00 am. When the child's father woke up at 10 am later that morning he states he went to change her diaper during which time the child began seizing. The father called 911 immediately and the child was transported via ambulance to a local hospital. When the child arrived she was non-responsive and listed in critical condition. The initial CT scan of the child showed a subdural hematoma, subarachnoid hemorrhage, brain injury and seizures. The child was immediately placed on a ventilator and transferred to a children's hospital. Based off of medical evidence and the investigation the child's injuries were determined to be non-accidental and suspected abuse, consistent with shaken baby syndrome. There was one other child in the household, the victim's 4 year old maternal half-brother, who was medically evaluated at the hospital and showed no injuries or any other signs of abuse. Currently, the victim's half-brother is staying with his biological father. During his medical evaluation the victim's half-brother stated to the physician that he heard his half-sister's dad yelling at her to shut-up, and on two different occasions saw him shake her. The victim's father has been charged with aggravated assault, simple assault, and endangering the welfare of a child. The father posted bail and is currently awaiting trial. The child was discharged from the hospital and currently resides with her mother at her maternal grandfather's home where she

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requires daily treatment and physical therapy. The family had no history with CYC prior to this incident.

7.) A five year old male child nearly died on Sept. 11, 2013 due to hyperthermia. Delaware County Children and Youth Services substantiated the case in Oct. 2013 listing the owner of the child's daycare as the perpetrator for lack of supervision. The investigation determined that the child and two other children were picked up at their elementary school by the daycare owner around 3 pm on Sept. 11. The daycare owner states that she drove up to the entrance of the daycare and watched the children get out of the van. She then parked this van and got into another vehicle to pick up other children and bring them back to the daycare. When the child's mother arrived around 6pm, the daycare was unable to locate the child. After a 10 minute search the child was found unresponsive in the van by the daycare owner. It was 94 degrees that day. The child's core body temperature when he arrived at the hospital was 106 degrees. The child suffered from heat stroke, convulsions, and hyperthermia. The daycare owner has been arrested and charged with one misdemeanor count of endangering the welfare of a child and is currently awaiting trial. An initial safety plan was in place at the time of the incident that did not allow the daycare owner any unsupervised contact with the children at the daycare; however, on Sept. 20, 2013 the daycare's license was revoked and the daycare was shut down. The daycare was cited in July 2013 for supervision issues and inappropriate staff to child ratios. At the time of the incident the daycare owner had not complied with the Office of Child Development and Early Learning's (OCDEL) request to provide a plan of correction.

Lebanon County

8) A nine month old male child nearly died on July 25, 2013 due to hyperthermia as a result of lack of supervision. Lebanon County Children and Youth Services substantiated the report in Sept. 2013, naming the child's aunt as the perpetrator. On the date of incident, the child was taken to the hospital with a 107 degree fever and seizure activity. Lebanon County Children and Youth Services received information on Aug. 4, 2013, that the aunt left the child in a hot van for 4-5 hours on the date of incident, causing the child's condition. The aunt eventually admitted to taking the child with her in a van while she ran errands at approximately 1:30 pm on the date of incident. The aunt admitted to leaving the child in the van for 15-20 minutes while visiting with the grandmother. After 15-20 minutes, the aunt noticed the child "jumping" in his seat and then became unresponsive. The grandmother attempted CPR, which was unsuccessful. An uncle then drove the child to the hospital, arriving at 4:35 pm. The aunt has not been able to give a consistent timeline for the day's events. Extensive medical testing revealed that there was no prior medical condition (such as a birth defect or infection) that would have explained the child's high fever and seizure activity. The examining physician stated that the child's condition was determined to be a result of exposure to extreme heat (the temperature was 94 degrees that day) and could have occurred in an hour's time. The child suffered severe brain damage as a result of hyperthermia. The child is now blind, hearing impaired, and is not expected to ever walk or eat on his own. The child was discharged from the hospital on Aug. 15, 2013

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and transferred to a pediatric residential facility. At the time of incident, the child and his four older siblings were living with the aunt in an informal guardian arrangement. The child is now in a foster home, and his four siblings are with the biological mother. The mother is receiving parenting services and assistance with budgeting. The aunt is in jail and has no contact with any of the children. This family was known to Lebanon County Children and Youth. In April 2012, Lebanon County Children and Youth Services unsubstantiated allegations of physical abuse by the father towards the child's six year-old sister. No services were provided to the family upon closing of the investigation. In addition, the perpetrator's family was involved with Lebanon County Children and Youth Services periodically from Oct. 2008-May 2012 due to truancy, behavioral problems, and an allegation of sexual acting out between the perpetrator's children. The perpetrator is being charged with aggravated assault, endangering welfare of children, and simple assault. Her next court date is in March 2014.

Luzerne County

9) A six year old female child nearly died on July 22, 2013 after accidentally drinking her mother's methadone. Luzerne County Children and Youth Services indicated the report in July 2013 and named both biological parents as the perpetrators for lack of supervision resulting in a serious physical condition, and medical neglect resulting in a serious physical condition. On the night of the incident the child was asked by her mother to go back into her parent's bedroom and get her wallet. The child stated when she was in her parent's bedroom she saw an open bottle she thought was soda and took a drink from it. Her parents then stated that once they realized she drank the methadone they looked on the internet for ways to treat her and attempted to induce vomiting. Four hours after both parents realized their daughter drank methadone they decided to take her to the hospital. On the way to the hospital the mother called 911 and was told to take the child to the local fire hall because it was closer. Once there, the paramedic found the child unresponsive and immediately intubated her. From the fire hall they took the child to the hospital via ambulance. Based off of the parent's statement it was indicated that the child may have ingested up to 50 milligrams of methadone, which according to the child's doctor is considered to be a serious medical condition. The child has recovered and was released from the hospital the following day into the care of her paternal grandparents. At the time of the incident there were four children in the household including an eight month old infant, as well as a four year old, six year old, and seventeen year old. The family did not have an open case at the time of the incident, though they do have a history with children and youth services related to parental drug and alcohol use as well as numerous referrals for behavioral issues related to one of the children. Both biological parents are participating in drug and alcohol counseling and have scheduled a comprehensive family evaluation for the near future. The three younger children remain in kinship care with their paternal grandparents. There is currently a no contact court order between two of the children, including the victim, and the natural parents. The parent's do have supervised visitation with the youngest child twice each week, and the two oldest children have court ordered visitation weekly with both parents which is supervised and videotaped. The oldest child has since turned 18 and has chosen to leave care; he was referred to independent

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living services prior to his 18th birthday. No criminal charges have been filed against the parents in relation to this case.

McKean County

10.) An 11 month old female child nearly died on July 18, 2013 due to injuries sustained from being physically abused. McKean County Department of Human Services substantiated the case in Sept. 2013 listing the father as perpetrator for physical abuse and the mother as perpetrator by omission for failing to protect the child. The mother and father brought the child to their local hospital on July 18 due to vomiting and lethargy. The child was observed to have bruises covering her face, head, and extremities. She was also diagnosed as having a subdural hemorrhage, ligament injury in her back, extensive bilateral retinal hemorrhaging, and a healing rib fracture. The father admitted to police that, approximately two weeks prior, he had spun the child around in circles on the floor and the child hit her head off of a door frame. Child did have bruising to her head at that time but neither parent sought medical treatment for the child. The father has also admitted to severely bruising the child's legs by squeezing them hard when she would cry. He would grab her cheeks hard when trying to feed her, slap her in the face, and punch her with his fists. The mother admitted to police that she witnessed the child hit her head after being spun around; saw the bruising; but did not get the child medical attention. The mother stated she saw the father drop the child from a height of approximately four feet and the child landed on her head. Again, the mother did not seek medical attention. The mother claims that the child was once stepped on by another adult male in the home and did not get child medical attention despite her family advising her to do so. The mother also admitted to knowing that the father would forcefully feed the child on several occasions. The child and her three siblings were removed from the home after this incident. The child was placed into a medical foster home due to her need for ongoing medical care. Her two year old sister was placed into a separate foster home. The biological father of their two older half-brothers has obtained full custody of them and there will be no contact with their mother. The mother was pregnant at the time of incident and gave birth on Nov. 1, 2013. This child was placed into the kinship home of the maternal great aunt. The father was previously known to Potter County Human Services. He had spent 3 ½ years in prison for shaking his older son, then 4 months old, in 2005. The mother was aware of father's history of abuse and incarceration. The father was arrested and charged with felony endangering the welfare of children, misdemeanor simple assault, misdemeanor recklessly endangering another person, two summary offenses of harassment, and one count felony aggravated assault. The mother was arrested and charged with felony endangering the welfare of a child and conspiracy endangering the welfare of a child, misdemeanor reckless endangerment and conspiracy reckless endangerment. The family had been receiving services from Potter County Human Services until they moved to McKean County in Feb. 2013. The family had been receiving parenting services and early intervention services. McKean County Department of Human Services closed out involvement with the family in April 2013 and was not involved with the family at the time of incident.

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Philadelphia County

11) A one and a half year old female child nearly died on Aug. 10, 2013 due to medical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services substantiated the case in Sept. 2013, naming a babysitter as a perpetrator. The babysitter stated that the child fell out of her crib on the evening of Aug. 9, 2013 around 11 pm. The babysitter gave inconsistent information regarding whether or not the child was conscious and breathing when he discovered her. The babysitter called his paramour, who told him to contact 911. The babysitter's paramour went to the father's home and notified him about the child. When the babysitter's paramour and the father arrived at the babysitter's home the father instructed the babysitter to contact 911. Neither the babysitter nor the babysitter's paramour contacted 911 until father arrived at the babysitter's home. The babysitter claimed he did not call 911 immediately because the child was responsive and he wanted the paramour to arrive at the home to watch their son while he went to the hospital. The police were dispatched to the babysitter's home on Aug. 10 at approximately 12:25 am. Upon arrival to the hospital, the child was intubated and admitted to the Intensive Care Unit. The hospital determined that the child had a subdural hematoma and significant swelling to the brain. The father had to be removed from the hospital after throwing a chair in the waiting room. The mother did not come to the hospital until 3:00 am. The investigation revealed that the child's injuries were consistent with the explanation of the child falling out of the crib. The child also had a broken collar bone which was consistent with the fall. However, the child's condition worsened as a result of not receiving timely medical care. There was at least an hour and half between when the babysitter discovered the child on the floor and the time that the child arrived at the hospital. The child now requires a feeding tube and only has peripheral vision. The child was discharged from the hospital on Nov. 6, 2013, and is now receiving rehabilitation services and attending a medical daycare. The hospital also noted that the child had bruises to her left torso and right toenail, a blister on the left heel, and diaper rash; however, the mother provided reasonable explanations for these injuries. Philadelphia Department of Human Services received a separate general report from the hospital on Sept. 9, 2013, after they discovered a healed burn on the child's left arm. The mother stated that the child was burned approximately 8 months ago when the child brushed up against a heater. The report alleged that the parents made two doctor's appointments to have the burn treated, but did not take the child. The mother said she treated the burn with ointment. Although Philadelphia Department of Human Services determined that the parents did not seek medical treatment for the child's burn, the condition of the burn did not worsen as a result, and has now healed completely. The child has a three-year-old sister who was examined and determined to be in good health. Philadelphia Department of Human Services has placed the child and her sibling with a paternal aunt due to concerns for neglect and domestic violence between the parents. The mother and father have supervised visits. The family is currently receiving case management services, and both parents were referred to counseling. Philadelphia Department of Human Services also assessed the safety of the babysitter's one-year-old male child, who did not show any signs of abuse or neglect. He was placed with a grandmother while the case was under investigation, but has since returned home, and no services are being provided to his family. Neither

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of the families had a prior history of involvement with Philadelphia Department of Human Services. There are no criminal charges related to this case at this time.

Union County

12) An eleven month old male child nearly died on July 14, 2013 after receiving trauma to his head leading to seizures. Union County Children and Youth Services (CYS) indicated the case in Sept. 2013 and named the child's biological father as the perpetrator. The father stated the child fell backwards about three feet off of a bed onto the hardwood floor and landed on his head. When the child began to show signs of losing consciousness his father called 911. Emergency services transported the child to a local hospital, where he was eventually flown via Life Flight to a larger hospital. After completing a full evaluation on the child it was determined he was suffering from a subdural hematoma but showed no sign of external trauma or bruising. A small portion of his skull was removed to relieve the pressure and he was placed on a ventilator and has since recovered. Physicians at the first hospital the child went to report that the father's story is plausible, but a neurosurgeon at the second hospital stated the injury was non-accidental trauma to the head. The family is known in their community and has large support system, including the local church and extended family from out of town that have flown in to help them. The family has no history with Union County CYS. When the caseworker went to the home to ensure the safety of the other children, ages four and twelve, it was noted the family lived in a well maintained home along with the maternal grandmother. The mother and father are married and living in the home as well. After the child was removed from the ventilator he was transferred to a children's rehabilitation hospital for a short time and is now back at home. A safety plan has been put in place in which the father is not to be alone with the children. The family has hired an attorney where all paperwork is forwarded and has yet to sign the agreement. The caseworker has seen the family monthly since the incident and reports that the child has been working with an occupational therapist, and is expected to make a full recovery.

Westmoreland County

13) A one month old male child nearly died on Sept. 5, 2013 due to multiple injuries caused by physical abuse. Westmoreland County Children's Bureau substantiated the report in Oct. 2013, naming the father as the perpetrator. The child was taken to the hospital on the date of incident due to vomiting, seizures, and altered mental state. Upon examination, the child was diagnosed with bilateral subdural hematomas and retinal hemorrhages, which were suspicious for shaken baby syndrome. Initially, the parents were unable to provide an explanation for the child's injuries. On the evening of Sept. 6, 2013, the father confessed to shaking the child and throwing him on a changing table two days earlier, after the child peed in his face while father was changing the child's diaper. The father has been charged with aggravated assault, simple assault, endangering the welfare of children, and recklessly endangering another person. He is now incarcerated. Due to the child's young age, the long-term effects of the abuse remain to be seen; however, the child is currently at home with the mother and is doing very well. There are no other children in the home. The mother and child moved to

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Allegheny County in Oct. 2013. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth and Families performed an assessment of the current living arrangement and determined that there was not a need for services. They closed their involvement with the family in Nov. 2013. The family was not known to Westmoreland County Children's Bureau prior to this incident.