



REPORT ON THE NEAR FATALITY OF:

[REDACTED]

Date of Birth: 08/28/2015
Date of Incident: 10/06/2016
Date of Report to ChildLine: 10/06/2016
CWIS Referral ID: [REDACTED]

FAMILY UNKNOWN TO COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY AT TIME OF INCIDENT OR WITHIN THE PRECEDING 16 MONTHS:

Lycoming County Office of Children, Youth and Families

REPORT FINALIZED ON:
03/23/2017

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(23 Pa. C.S. Section 6340)

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(23 Pa. C.S. Section 6349 (b))

Reason for Review:

Pursuant to the Child Protective Services Law, the Department, through OCYF, must conduct a review and provide a written report of all cases of suspected child abuse that result in a fatality or near fatality. This written report must be completed as soon as possible but no later than six months after the date the report was registered with ChildLine for investigation.

The Child Protective Services Law also requires that county children and youth agencies convene a review when a report of child abuse involving a fatality or near fatality is substantiated or when a status determination has not been made regarding the report within 30 days of the report to ChildLine.

Lycoming County was not required to convene a review team in accordance with the Child Protective Services Law related to this report. Lycoming County Children and Youth Services unfounded the report on 10/14/2016.

Family Constellation:

<u>First and Last Name:</u>	<u>Relationship:</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
[REDACTED]	Victim Child	08/28/2015
[REDACTED]	Mother	[REDACTED] 1993
[REDACTED]	Father	[REDACTED] 1990
* [REDACTED]	Half-Sibling	[REDACTED] 2012

*Mother's 4-year-old son, [REDACTED], lives with his biological father. He has visitation in the home of [REDACTED] every other weekend.

Summary of OCYF Child (Near) Fatality Review Activities:

The Central Region Office of Children, Youth and Families (CROCYF) reviewed current case record pertaining to the family. CROCYF representative engaged Lycoming County Children and Youth Services (CYS) Quality Improvement Specialist to discuss the incident.

Children and Youth Involvement prior to Incident:

The Lycoming County CYS representative confirmed that the agency did not have prior involvement with the family.

Circumstances of Child Near Fatality and Related Case Activity:

The father reported that on 10/06/2016, the child fell asleep while eating and he was put down for a nap. The father and paternal grandmother (who is a neighbor, and not a household member) were unable to wake the child approximately two (2) hours later. The father transported the victim child to [REDACTED] Community Hospital's emergency department for care. [REDACTED] at the hospital,

the child was sluggish with noted constricted pupils. [REDACTED] and the child became responsive. [REDACTED] the child was listed to be in stable and guarded condition. The child was then transferred to Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, PA for further observation. On 10/07/2016, the child was discharged into the care of his parents.

At the time of the incident, Lycoming County CYS personnel and the Pennsylvania State Police responded to Geisinger Medical Center. It was confirmed that the child's father [REDACTED] Each of the child's parents stated that they had no idea how their son ingested the medication. They reported that the medication is securely stored in their home.

On 10/07/2016, a Lycoming County Caseworker and a State Police Officer visited that family home. It was confirmed that the father's [REDACTED] was securely stored and the parties verified correct usage of the medication. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It determined that that father may have been unaware that he dropped a single pill to the floor. Records indicate that the color of the pill is similar to the color of the carpeting in the bedroom where the father stored his medication.

Lycoming County CYS assessed that the child did ingest the father's [REDACTED] [REDACTED] It was determined that the child was not left unsupervised and that the child may have ingested the pill while crawling around the family apartment. The child's caretakers immediately sought medical attention when observing that the child's behaviors were abnormal. The home was deemed appropriate and the respective medication was secured in a lock box. On 10/14/2016, Lycoming County CYS unfounded the report. Lycoming County CYS informed CROCYF that child was doing well [REDACTED]

Summary of County Strengths, Deficiencies and Recommendations for Change as Identified by the County's Child (Near) Fatality Report:

- Strengths in compliance with statutes, regulations and services to children and families
NA
- Deficiencies in compliance with statutes, regulations and services to children and families
NA
- Recommendations for changes at the state and local levels on reducing the likelihood of future child fatalities and near fatalities directly related to abuse
NA

- Recommendations for changes at the state and local levels on monitoring and inspection of county agencies

NA

- Recommendations for changes at the state and local levels on collaboration of community agencies and service providers to prevent child abuse.

NA

Department Review of County Internal Report:

NA

Department of Human Services Findings:

- County Strengths:

Lycoming County CYS immediately notified the Pennsylvania State Police of the near fatality.

Records indicate that Lycoming County CYS and the Pennsylvania State Police worked cooperatively during the investigation.

Lycoming County CYS's Quality Improvement Specialist continuously updated CROCYF on the near fatality and she responded immediately to inquiries initiated by CROCYF.

- County Weaknesses:

NA

- Statutory and Regulatory Areas of Non-Compliance by the County Agency:

At the time of this report, CROCYF has not identified areas of regulatory non-compliance.

Department of Human Services Recommendations:

CROCYF has no recommendations in regards to this incident.