



REPORT ON NEAR FATALITY OF:

[REDACTED]

Date of Birth: 03/06/2017

Date of Incident: 06/13/2017

Date of Report to ChildLine: 06/13/2017

CWIS Referral ID: [REDACTED]

FAMILY WAS NOT KNOWN TO BUCKS COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY AT TIME OF INCIDENT OR WITHIN THE PRECEDING 16 MONTHS

REPORT FINALIZED ON:

01/09/2018

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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.

The County has convened a review team in accordance with the Child Protective Services Law related to this report. The county review team was convened on 07/12/2017.

Family Constellation:

<u>First and Last Name:</u>	<u>Relationship:</u>	<u>Date of Birth:</u>
[REDACTED]	Mother	12/26/1984
[REDACTED]	Father	[REDACTED] 1989
[REDACTED]	Victim Child	[REDACTED] 2017
[REDACTED]	Perpetrator/Nanny	[REDACTED] 1961

Summary of OCYF Child Near Fatality Review Activities:

On 06/13/2017 Bucks County Children and Youth received a report concerning injuries sustained by a 3-month-old male child victim. The victim child was taken to Abington. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reported that the victim child was shaken. The child’s condition as a result of the alleged incident identified this report as a near fatality. The victim child had been in the care of his nanny and when his mother returned home from work, she discovered the child to be in distress.

The victim child was later transported to Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The skeletal survey was normal. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that everyone’s anatomy is different and this may just be how the victim child is. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Children and Youth Involvement prior to Incident:

Bucks County had no prior involvement with this family.

Circumstances of Child Near Fatality and Related Case Activity:

The parents reside together with the victim child and are planning to be married. The mother just returned to work from maternity leave. The mother works full time.

The father works full time [REDACTED] The parents got the nanny from an internet service. The nanny was employed on 06/09/2017. This was her third day of watching the victim child. On 06/12/2017 the mother arrived home from work around 3:00 pm. The nanny told the mother that she did not have a good day. The mother walked over to the victim child and stated that the victim child was pale, moaning and his eyes looked like slits. She picked him up and he felt like ice. The nanny told the mother that the child was vomiting and sick all day. The victim child was given Tylenol by the nanny.

The victim child was [REDACTED] and returned to his parents on 06/15/2017. The child is expected to make a full recovery, with no noticeable effects on his development.

The nanny was interviewed by the detective who stated that she was jumping the baby up and down and the baby hit his head on the arm of the chair. The nanny did not report this to the police during her first interview. It was during the second interview that she disclosed that the victim child hit his head.

[REDACTED] the detective and the children and youth team were present at the Act 33 review.

[REDACTED] it could not be determined that the injury was child abuse. The detective and the social worker went back and forth with the physician and provided information that the perpetrator did not disclose in her first interview that the child hit his head and that the victim child was sick and vomiting all day but the nanny never called the mother or the doctor. The physician stated that the child may have been shaken but he could not indicate child abuse. The detective will not file charges because the medical evidence does not support it. However the county indicated the report on 07/19/2017 against the nanny as she was the person responsible for the child.

The child has periodic follow-up appointments [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;
The County Review Team felt that it was a coordinated effort from the hospital and police department and Bucks County Children and Youth with this investigation. The mother acted appropriately contacting the physician and the physician getting the child to the hospital.
- Deficiencies in compliance with statutes, regulations and services to children and families;

There were none identified.

- Recommendations for changes at the state and local levels on reducing the likelihood of future child fatalities and near fatalities directly related to abuse;
There were none identified

Recommendations for changes at the state and local levels on monitoring and inspection of county agencies; and
There were none identified

- Recommendations for changes at the state and local levels on collaboration of community agencies and service providers to prevent child abuse.
There were none identified

Department Review of County Internal Report:

The Act 33 report was received timely. All parties were disheartened that the AP could not be charged as it was not enough finding from the medical team. OCYF finds the County report to be accurate with its findings.

Department of Human Services Findings:

- County Strengths:
Bucks County conducted the investigation with law enforcement and the medical providers. The record was comprehensive with interviews, risk and safety assessment.
- County Weaknesses: and
There were none identified
- Statutory and Regulatory Areas of Non-Compliance by the County Agency.
There were none identified

Department of Human Services Recommendations:

Continue to educate the public on the need to inform parents of the number of indicated reports that were investigated at each private childcare agency.