



## **REPORT ON THE NEAR FATALITY OF:**

[REDACTED]

**Date of Birth: 12/03/2012**  
**Date of Incident: 10/24/2019**  
**Date of Report to ChildLine: 10/24/2019**  
**CWIS Referral ID: [REDACTED]**

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

Fulton County Children and Youth Services

## **REPORT FINALIZED ON:**

04/02/2020

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(23 Pa. C.S. Section 6340)

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(23 Pa. C.S. 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.

Fulton County Children and Youth Services did not convene a review team for this case. A status determination of unfounded was made within 30 days.

**Family Constellation:**

<u>First and Last Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
[REDACTED]	Victim Child	12/3/2012
[REDACTED]	Biological Mother	[REDACTED] 1980
[REDACTED]	Biological Father	[REDACTED] 1966
[REDACTED]	Sibling	[REDACTED] 2005

**Summary of OCYF Child Near Fatality Review Activities:**

The Central Region Office of Children, Youth and Families obtained and reviewed the entire family file. The Central Region reviewed all the structured case notes, safety and risk assessments, medical records, and other case specific information. Central Region staff also had telephone and email communications with Fulton County Children and Youth Services (FCCYS) regarding this case.

**Summary of Circumstances Prior to Incident:**

The family had no prior involvement with FCCYS.

**Circumstances of Child Near Fatality and Related Case Activity:**

On 10/24/2019, the victim child and her sibling were seated in the back seat of the family car as biological mother was backing up the car in their driveway to park the car. The victim child unbuckled her seatbelt, opened her passenger door and fell out of the car. The victim child fell onto the ground with gravel and shale rocks. The victim child was taken to the Emergency Department where X Rays showed a left iliac crest fracture. There was also an abrasion on the lower left flank and contusions on both knees. The victim child was flown to [REDACTED]

where she was discharged the next day with a walker to assist with mobility and an antibiotic to recover at home. Surgery was not necessary to correct the fracture.

FCCYS unfounded this investigation on 11/19/2019 after interviews, review of medical records and interviews of medical professionals and consultation with law enforcement. The injuries were not caused intentionally, recklessly or knowingly. The child was not run over by mother's car as initially reported.

The [REDACTED] Police conducted a criminal investigation and no charges were filed.

### **County Strengths, Deficiencies and Recommendations for Change as Identified by the County's Child Near Fatality Report:**

Fulton County Children and Youth Services did not convene a review team as the report was unfounded before the 30<sup>th</sup> day. As such, a County Child Near Fatality report was not completed.

#### **Department of Human Services Findings:**

- County Strengths:

The Agency conducted appropriate follow up home visits after the victim child was discharged.

The Agency worked collaboratively with the police department and medical professionals.

The Agency obtained all medical records from [REDACTED]

- County Weaknesses: None

- Statutory and Regulatory Areas of Non-Compliance:

There were no regulatory areas of non-compliance regarding this child near fatality.

#### **Department of Human Services Recommendations:**

Education and reminder of the importance and utilization of safety features in vehicles including seatbelts and child safety locks.