



REPORT ON THE NEAR FATALITY OF:

[REDACTED]

Date of Birth: 03/06/2017
Date of Incident: 03/29/2017
Date of Report to ChildLine: 03/29/2017
CWIS Referral ID: [REDACTED]

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

Lancaster County Children and Youth Services

REPORT FINALIZED ON:

09/22/2017

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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.

Lebanon County Children and Youth Services has convened a review team in accordance with the Child Protective Services Law related to this report. The county review team was convened on 04/26/2017.

Family Constellation:

<u>First and Last Name:</u>	<u>Relationship:</u>	<u>Date of Birth:</u>
██████████	Father	██████████ 1993
██████████	Mother	██████████ 1996
██████████	victim child	03/06/2017
* ██████████	Maternal Great Grandmother	██████████ 1946

* Denotes an individual that is not a household member or did not live in the home at the time of the incident, but is relevant to the report.

Summary of OCYF Child Near Fatality Review Activities:

The Central Region Office of Children, Youth and Families (CERO) obtained and reviewed all current case records pertaining to the ██████████ family. CERO staff conducted interviews with the following Lancaster County Children and Youth Staff: Intake Supervisor and caseworker. These interviews occurred on 04/26/2017. A review of the initial report and law enforcement involvement was reviewed. The agency was not involved with the initial report and only received a call from ██████████ to make the report. CERO staff participated in the Act 33 meeting that occurred on 04/26/2017 in which medical professionals, agency staff, and legal counsel were present and provided information regarding the incident.

Children and Youth Involvement prior to Incident:

Family was not known to county children and youth agency.

Circumstances of Child Near Fatality and Related Case Activity:

The initial report of the child's near fatality occurred 03/29/2017. On 03/28/2017 the victim child's father was attempting to change the victim child's diaper while the victim child's mother was in the same room but not paying attention. While holding down the victim child's left leg, the father heard a popping sound. The father told the mother that something was wrong with the victim child's leg. The mother tried feeding the victim child which calmed him down but the victim child began to cry and the mother noticed the left leg dangling. The family transported the victim child to the local hospital. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The father admitted that he may have used too much force to get the leg down to change the victim child's diaper. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The victim child continued to feed well. The victim child remained in the hospital until the next day and [REDACTED] the home of the mother. Follow up with [REDACTED] was scheduled for the following week.

The family was opened for services on 03/29/2017. The father left the home and is allowed 2 hour visits twice per week supervised by either the mother or maternal great grandmother. [REDACTED] The parents were referred for parenting skills. The mother was referred to [REDACTED]

Law Enforcement continues to be involved with the case. Criminal charges of aggravated assault were filed. The case was sent to the district attorney's office awaiting their decision to prosecute. The father was indicated for abuse on 05/16/2017.

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 agency investigation complied with regulations and response times as required.

Deficiencies in compliance with statutes, regulations and services to children and families:

The county agency report did not reference any deficiencies.

Recommendations for changes at the state and local levels on reducing the likelihood of future child fatalities and near fatalities directly related to abuse:

The county agency report did not mention any recommendations for change at the state or county level.

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

The county agency report did not mention any recommendations for change at the state or county level.

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

The county agency report did not mention any recommendations for change at the state or county level.

Department Review of County Internal Report:

The county report was received on 05/16/2017. There were no issues or concerns regarding the report.

Department of Human Services Findings:

County Strengths:

Upon review of the documents associated with this case, it would appear there is a positive working collaboration between law enforcement, medical facilities and the county agency.

County Weaknesses:

The circumstances of this case and the review of the county's work did not identify any systemic weaknesses. This family was not known to the county.

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

There were no areas of non-compliance found during the review of this case.

Department of Human Services Recommendations:

The Department concurs with the findings and recommendations of Lebanon County Children and Youth Services' Act 33 meeting. This report was made by [REDACTED] through the portal. [REDACTED] reported that the victim child had a serious physical injury. At no time was the victim child considered a near fatality. However there is nowhere on the drop downs allowing [REDACTED] to state that. A look at the current screen might be beneficial in eliminating future non-life threatening cases being reported.