



## REPORT ON THE NEAR FATALITY OF:

[REDACTED]

**Date of Birth: 09/03/2017**  
**Date of Incident: 05/21/2018**  
**Date of Report to ChildLine: 05/24/2018**  
**CWIS Referral ID: [REDACTED]**

### FAMILY 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:**  
09/13/2018

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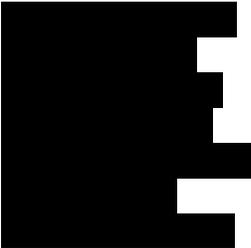
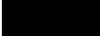
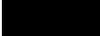
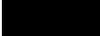
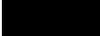
**Reason for Review:**

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.

Lancaster County has not convened a review team in accordance with the Child Protective Services Law related to this report. The county unfounded the report on 06/20/2018.

**Family Constellation:**

<u>First and Last Name:</u>	<u>Relationship:</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
	Victim Child	09/03/2017
	Half Brother	 2001
	Sister	 2009
	Half Brother	 2006
	Brother	 2015
	Mother	 1983
	Father	 1980

\* 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 Lancaster County Children and Youth intake caseworker. This interview occurred on 06/29/2018. A review of the initial report and law enforcement involvement was reviewed along with all prior reports regarding this family.

**Children and Youth Involvement prior to Incident:**

05/17/2017: GPS screen out. [REDACTED] was reported to be chasing a neighbor with a steak knife. No injuries reported

July 2017: GPS screen out. Children were found in dumpster looking for food. Caseworker went to the home and there was food there for the children.

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

The incident occurred on 05/21/2018 while the victim child was home with his mother and siblings. The victim child attempted to pull himself up by holding onto the grate on the water cooler. The victim child lost his balance and fell. The victim child hit his head on the floor. The victim child never lost consciousness nor experienced vomiting or sleepiness. On 05/23/2018, the mother was holding the victim child and felt a soft mushy spot on the side of his head. The victim child had been pulling at his ear prior to this. The mother took the victim child to the local hospital. A CAT scan was done and revealed a skull fracture. The child was transferred to [REDACTED]

The treating physician at [REDACTED] stated that the explanation of the incident was consistent with the injury and deemed the injury to be accidental. The child was discharged on 05/25/2018 with a follow-up scheduled.

**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;  
N/A

Deficiencies in compliance with statutes, regulations and services to children and families;  
N/A

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

Recommendations for changes at the state and local levels on monitoring and inspection of county agencies  
N/A

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

**Department Review of County Internal Report:**

N/A

**Department of Human Services Findings:**

County Strengths:

The county agency investigation complied with regulations and response times as required.

County Weaknesses:

The circumstances of this case and the review of the county's work did not identify any systemic weaknesses. This family was known to the county previously but both reports were screened out.

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:**

None