



REPORT ON THE NEAR FATALITY OF:

[REDACTED]

Date of Birth: 11/15/2018

Date of Incident: 05/24/2019

Date of Report to ChildLine: 05/24/2019

CWIS Referral ID: [REDACTED]

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

Franklin County Children and Youth Services

REPORT FINALIZED ON:

10/13/2019

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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.

Franklin County has not convened a review team in accordance with the Child Protective Services Law related to this report. The case was unfounded on 06/17/2019.

Family Constellation:

<u>First and Last Name:</u>	<u>Relationship:</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
██████████	Victim Child	11/15/2018
██████████	Father	██████████ 1978
██████████	Mother	██████████ /1991

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 Franklin County Children and Youth (FCCY) intake caseworker. This interview occurred on 06/18/2019. A review of the initial report and law enforcement involvement was reviewed. There were no prior reports regarding this family.

Children and Youth Involvement prior to Incident:

The family had no prior history with child welfare.

Circumstances of Child Fatality and Related Case Activity:

On 05/24/19 at approximately 8:00 PM, the victim child, a six (6) month old infant, was burnt while strapped into a car seat carrier. The father was carrying the carrier towards a burning barrel, in the direction of the residence, when something exploded, and debris showered down into the carrier and onto the father. The father attempted to shield the victim child however, the carrier caught on fire and subsequently burnt the victim child. ██████████ The victim child was initially cared for by his mother and father, at home, and then transported to ██████████ Hospital that same evening. From ██████████ Hospital, the victim child was flown to ██████████ Burn Center for further medical

treatment. While at the hospital, doctors applied super cell dressing to avoid future graphing. The victim child was discharged on 06/02/2019 to his parents. On 06/05/2019, [REDACTED] Police and the Fire Marshall ruled the incident an accident and was closing the case. On 06/17/2019, FCCY submitted a CY 48 with a status of unfounded. FCCY is closing the case. The parents have attended two follow up appointments for the victim child. FCCY is not referring the family for any other services.

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 report was unfounded within 30 days of the initial referral; hence, no meeting was required.
- Deficiencies in compliance with statutes, regulations and services to children and families; The report was unfounded within 30 days of the initial referral; hence, no meeting was required.
- 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 report was unfounded within 30 days of the initial referral; hence, no meeting was required.
- Recommendations for changes at the state and local levels on monitoring and inspection of county agencies; and The report was unfounded within 30 days of the initial referral; hence, no meeting was required.
- Recommendations for changes at the state and local levels on collaboration of community agencies and service providers to prevent child abuse. The report was unfounded within 30 days of the initial referral; hence, no meeting was required.

Department Review of County Internal Report:

The report was unfounded within 30 days of the initial referral; hence, no meeting was required.

Department of Human Services Findings:

- County Strengths: FCCY conducted their investigation immediately and thoroughly.
- County Weaknesses: None

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

None

Department of Human Services Recommendations:

The Department recommends that local municipalities and townships educate individuals within their community about fire safety when allowing burning on individual's properties.