

Fatalities

Allegheny County

1. A 4-month-old male child died on February 6, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. Allegheny County Children, Youth and Families (ACCYF) indicated the case on March 31, 2017, naming the father as the perpetrator. On February 6, 2017, the child was brought to a local hospital in full cardiac arrest. The child had scratches on his face, a bruise on his right cheek, right shoulder, right hip, buttocks and sacrum, as well as his right lower leg. The medical examiner determined the child died from asphyxiation. This was the only child of the parents. Both parents are minors, and the mother was in the care of ACCYF at the time of the child's death. However, the child was not under the custody of ACCYF. This death occurred during the child's first overnight visitation with his father in the father's home. The father had no explanation for the child's injuries, and he was the only caretaker for the child prior to the child's death. On May 31, 2017, the father was arrested for criminal homicide and is currently incarcerated awaiting trial. A general protective services case was opened on the father and his siblings as a result of this incident occurring in his parent's home. The mother's case remains active. She is under the supervision of ACCYF and is currently placed in congregate care.

Berks County

2. A 2-year-old female child died on November 8, 2016, as a result of serious physical neglect. Berks County Children and Youth Services (BCCYS) indicated the case on February 27, 2017, naming the child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On November 8, 2016, BCCYS received a general protective services report stating the child became sick on November 6, 2016, with what the parents thought was a common cold. The child died in the home on November 8, 2016. An autopsy was completed on November 10, 2016, and on December 9, 2016, the diagnosis of pneumonia was confirmed. It was determined that the child would have had a 95 percent chance or greater of living if the child had received medical care. A child protective services report for suspected serious physical neglect was made to BCCYS on January 18, 2017. It was determined the family practices a religion which does not endorse medical treatment. Neither parent, the victim child, nor the six other sibling children in the home have ever had medical care. On February 15, 2017, the children were adjudicated dependent with custody awarded to BCCYS because of the parents' refusal to provide medical care. The children remain in placement with a kinship resource and are receiving medical treatment as needed. The parents were arrested on February 1, 2017, and charged with Involuntary Manslaughter but were released on bail. The family is receiving case management services as a result of the incident. The parents currently have supervised visits with the children. The family had no prior involvement with BCCYS.
3. An 11-month-old male child died on May 1, 2014, as a result of physical abuse. On February 22, 2017, Berks County Children and Youth Services (BCCYS) indicated the case naming the child's mother and the paramour of the mother as the perpetrators. The mother was inflicting injuries to the child, and the paramour was aware of the injuries caused by child's mother, but failed to take preventive steps

or ensure medical treatment. On May 1, 2014, the paramour informed the mother that something was wrong with the baby. The mother found the baby in his crib and realized the baby was not breathing. The paramour performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation on the child until the paramedics arrived. Paramedics determined the child did not have a heartbeat. The child was transported to the hospital and it was determined that the child had been unresponsive for an extended period of time as rigor mortis had set in. Furthermore, the child had unexplained bruises around his abdomen and skull inconsistent with resuscitation but possibly consistent with blunt force trauma. On July 18, 2014, the mother confessed to inflicting injuries to the child as a result of squeezing the child's abdomen forcefully because he was crying. A safety plan was put in place for the victim child's sibling and two unrelated children residing in the household at the time of the fatality. The victim child's sibling was placed with paternal grandparents, and the unrelated children remained with the adult household members and could not be left unsupervised with the perpetrators. On April 30, 2015, the mother was convicted of third degree murder charges and remains incarcerated. As a result of the conviction, the status of the report on the mother was changed to founded. The mother had a history of involvement with children and youth services as a child, including multiple foster care placements.

Cambria County

4. A 5-month-old female child died on December 20, 2016, as a result of serious physical neglect. Cambria County Children and Youth Services (CCCYS) indicated the case on January 24, 2017, naming the child's mother and father as perpetrators. The child's parents both died of an overdose of fentanyl on approximately December 16, 2016. The autopsy on the infant confirmed that the child died three to four days after her parents' deaths from dehydration/starvation as no other adults were there to provide vital care. The bodies of the child and her parents were discovered on December 23, 2016. The coroner ruled the infant's death a homicide due to parental neglect. There were no other children in the home. The family was previously known to CCCYS. Two separate child protective service reports were received in June 2016 and July 2016 that involved two unrelated children who stated that they were being prostituted by both perpetrators. The reports were substantiated, and both were named as perpetrators. A general protective service report was then received in November 2016 stating that the child's father had overdosed a day or two previously. CCCYS engaged the family on December 7, 2016, and the parents were drug screened on December 8, 2016. The child's mother was negative for all substances and the father was positive for alcohol. The parents appeared to be meeting the child's needs at that time and the general protective services report was active at the time of the parents' deaths.

Dauphin County

5. A 2-month-old male child died on December 29, 2016, as a result of physical abuse. Dauphin County Social Services for Children and Youth (DCSSCY) indicated the case on February 28, 2017, naming the child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the mother woke up and the child was not moving. The mother had fallen asleep with the child on her chest. The mother

said she saw fluid coming out of the child's mouth and attempted to scoop the fluid out of his mouth. The mother then woke the child's father who held the child while the mother called 911. The mother tried one chest compression before the ambulance arrived and emergency personnel took over. However, the child was pronounced dead at the home. The autopsy results showed that there was medical evidence of asphyxiation and suffocation. When interviewed by law enforcement, the father admitted to using marijuana the night the child died. He also admitted that co-sleeping is a normal everyday occurrence in their household and that he was fully aware that the mother was intoxicated from alcohol and marijuana but allowed co-sleeping to occur. The mother also admitted to being intoxicated from alcohol and marijuana and co-sleeping with the child. No charges have been filed against the parents as the criminal investigation is currently pending. There was one sibling in the home when the incident occurred. The sibling was placed with the maternal grandmother. During the investigation, the parents separated. The father moved to York County and the mother and sibling are residing with the maternal grandmother. DCSSCY closed this case on March 1, 2017, since the mother and sibling are residing with maternal grandmother and the mother is receiving counseling services as a result of the incident. The family was previously known to DCSSCY. In June 2015, there were allegations of parental substance abuse after the sibling's umbilical cord blood came back positive for marijuana. A referral for early intervention services was offered and declined by the family. The sibling appeared healthy, clean, developmentally on target, and bonded with the parents. No other concerns were noted, and the case was closed.

Erie County

6. A 5-month-old male child died on July 15, 2016, as a result of physical abuse. Erie County Office of Children and Youth (ECOCY) indicated the case on March 13, 2017, naming the mother and father as the perpetrators. The child was hospitalized on February 20, 2016. Treating physicians reported the child suffered head trauma which included: a skull fracture, bleeding from multiple parts of the brain, a damaged retina and minor bleeding from the mouth. The child was placed in a medically induced coma, and emergency surgery was performed to remove part of the skull to allow for swelling. The child had some bruises on the back and front of his legs that appeared old. The child's mother informed the police that she had left the child and his 16-month-old sibling with their father for an estimated 6-10 minutes. When she returned the child was sitting in the swing as she left him but unresponsive with abnormal breathing. She picked him up and his head flopped back. The father had been sleeping. He stated that when he woke the child was in the swing and appeared to be half awake, so the father gave him a kiss and touched his feet, but the child was unresponsive. The father was arrested, charged and incarcerated on April 8, 2016, for criminal homicide, aggravated assault, simple assault, and endangering the welfare of children. The mother was not charged. The sibling was placed with her maternal grandparents via court order on February 23, 2016, and remains there. The family had no previous history with ECOCY.

Westmoreland County

7. An 8-year-old male died on November 30, 2016, as a result of physical abuse. Westmoreland County Children's Bureau (WCCB) indicated the case on January 26, 2017, naming the child's 14-year-old sibling as the perpetrator. The child and his mother were found deceased at the family home on November 30, 2016. The child's sibling called 9-1-1 three times to report that he had shot his mother. The child's sibling had a gun in his possession when law enforcement arrived at the home. Initially, law enforcement was unaware the 8-year-old child was also in the home or that he had been fatally wounded. Law enforcement found the mother as well as the child in their beds. It is believed the child's sibling first shot his mother and then his brother. The father was at work during the incident. The child's sibling admitted to shooting the child and his mother to both law enforcement and the mental health hospital staff after he was hospitalized. There were no other children in the home. The child's sibling is charged as an adult with two counts of criminal homicide and murder of the 1st degree. A preliminary hearing was waived, and a status conference scheduled for May 8, 2017, was cancelled. The child's sibling is awaiting trial. Behavioral health services for the child's sibling are being provided through the county behavioral health system. The family was previously known to WCCB. There was one general protective services report received on October 2015. The report alleged inappropriate discipline being used on the victim child. The status of the report was invalid.

York County

8. A 1-year-old male child died on December 26, 2016, due to physical abuse. York County Office of Children, Youth, and Families (YCOCYF) indicated the case on January 26, 2017, naming the child's mother as the perpetrator. On December 26, 2016, YCOCYF reported the incident to ChildLine. Law enforcement had been called to the home earlier that day by a friend of the mother after she saw concerning notes the mother had posted on a social media site. The mother had written that she planned to kill her child and herself. She also alleged domestic violence in her relationship with her husband as the reason for her plan. When the police arrived at the home they found the mother had suffocated the child by placing a plastic bag over his head. The mother had a single gunshot wound to her head and was also deceased. A suicide note was found at the scene. In the note the mother had stated she intended to kill the child so the father would not be able to have the child in his care. There are no other children in the home. The family was not known to YCOCYF prior to this incident.

Near Fatalities

Allegheny County

9. A 7-month-old male child nearly died on February 9, 2017, as a result of serious physical neglect. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth, and Families (ACOCYF) indicated the case on March 10, 2017, naming the child's mother as the perpetrator. The mother left the child and his 2-year-old sister in the bathtub unattended for approximately three to four minutes while she went outside to her car. When she came back into the home she heard the 2-year-old calling for her. The 7-month-old child had been placed in a bathtub chair inside the bathtub, but when she entered the bathroom the child's face was underwater. Per law enforcement, there was approximately seven inches of water in the bathtub. She began screaming and attempting to locate her phone. She opened the door and screamed for her neighbor's assistance. The neighbors called 9-1-1. The mother began cardiopulmonary resuscitation until the paramedics arrived. The child was then transported to a pediatric hospital. The child was in critical condition; however, he was discharged home four days later and is expected to make a full recovery. The child's 2-year-old sister remains in the family residence. ACOCYF did not accept the case for ongoing services. The parents agreed to provide constant supervision while bathing the children. There were no charges filed against the mother and there is no pending criminal investigation. ACOCYF referred the family to receive in-home parenting instruction services as a result of the incident. The child will have follow-up medical appointments. The family was not previously known to ACOCYF.

10. A 1-month-old female child nearly died December 2, 2016, as a result of physical abuse. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth, and Families (ACOCYF) indicated the case on January 20, 2017, naming the child's mother as the perpetrator. On November 29, 2016, the mother noticed a bump on the right side of the child's head. The child did not appear to be in pain. When she noticed that the bump was not getting any smaller, the mother took the child to the pediatrician's office on December 2, 2016. She was instructed to take the child to a specialized pediatric hospital for further evaluation, including an x-ray. She did take the child to a specialized pediatric hospital on that date and the child was admitted to the intensive care unit with a diagnosis of an unexplained parietal skull fracture with underlying intracranial bleeding and an overlying scalp hematoma. According to the physicians, the injuries resulted from a traumatic impact to her head. The mother was inconsistent in her report as to who had cared for the child in the days prior to November 29, 2016, naming the maternal grandmother, a babysitter, and the paternal grandmother. There was no explanation provided as to how the child obtained the injury, but the mother delayed seeking treatment for the child for four days. The child's 8-year-old sibling's safety was ensured at the paternal grandmother's home where he resided while the child was hospitalized. The child's sibling did not disclose any maltreatment. The criminal investigation is on-going. The mother completed a substance abuse assessment and was recommended for services. She is also receiving parenting and child development instruction. The child's sibling is receiving support for his behavioral health needs. The victim child is receiving an

assessment for Early Intervention Services and will participate in an interactional evaluation with her mother. Currently, the victim child is adjudicated dependent and resides in kinship care with the paternal grandmother. The paternal grandmother supervises the mother's visits with the child. The family was previously known to ACOCYF. There was a prior general protective services referral on April 14, 2009, due to concerns of domestic violence. This case was closed as ACOCYF could not locate the family. On November 3, 2016, a report was received that the mother tested positive for marijuana at the time of the victim child's birth. The mother was referred for services and the case was active when the child protective services near fatality referral was received December 2, 2016.

11. A 10-month-old male child nearly died on December 22, 2016, as a result of physical abuse. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth, and Families (ACOCYF) indicated the case on February 14, 2017, naming an unknown perpetrator. On the afternoon of December 22, 2016, the babysitter called the mother to report the child was vomiting. When the mother picked up the child she noticed that the child did not seem to recognize her. Later that afternoon, the victim child's mother and father took the child to his primary care physician (PCP). Because the victim child's symptoms continued to persist, the child's PCP recommended that the parents take the child to the hospital emergency department for further evaluation. The child was taken to a local pediatric hospital on December 22, 2016, with symptoms of lethargy and vomiting. While at the hospital, the mother indicated to medical professionals that the victim child had recently been taking an antibiotic to treat a persistent ear infection, therefore, medical professionals began treating the child for a suspected gastrointestinal virus. The parents stayed with the victim child during the evening of December 22, 2016, in the intensive care unit as he continued to undergo observation. At this time, the mother alerted medical staff that while holding the victim child, she felt a "squishy spot" on the back of his head that had not been there earlier in the day. Following a computed axial tomography (CAT) scan, the victim child was diagnosed as having several skull fractures to the right parietal and right occipital bones. A follow up eye exam conducted on December 25, 2016, indicated retinal hemorrhages. Medical professionals concluded that the child's injuries were highly suspicious for abuse. On the date of the incident, the child had been in the care of both biological parents and a babysitter. However, none of these adults provided an explanation as to how the injuries occurred. A general protective services (GPS) investigation was completed to assure the safety of the babysitter's children; ACOCYF did not identify any safety or risk factors for these children and subsequently closed the investigation. There are no other children in the home. ACOCYF accepted the family for services on December 27, 2016, due to the severity and unexplained nature of the child's head trauma. The child was placed in kinship care upon discharge from the hospital. The child was referred for services to address possible developmental delays associated with head trauma. The parents participated in crisis-level in-home services, focusing on parenting skills and topics specific to the infant's development. The family successfully completed these services on March 28, 2017. A dependency hearing was conducted on March 7, 2017. The court dismissed the dependency petition, as ACOCYF could not identify any additional risk or safety issues. The family was not previously known to ACOCYF.

12. A 20-day-old male child nearly died on November 9, 2016, as a result of physical abuse and serious physical neglect. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth and Families (ACOCYF) indicated the case on January 26, 2017, naming the child's mother and father as the perpetrators. In the evening of November 8, 2016, the child was unresponsive. The child's paternal aunt who is a minor had been babysitting this child earlier that day. The father called the babysitter to see if she may have dropped the child given he was unresponsive. The babysitter denied dropping the child. The babysitter's custodian instructed the father to take the child to the hospital. The mother and father stated they would call the pediatrician in the morning as they would not have a ride home from the hospital that evening. An ambulance was called the morning of November 9, 2016, to transport the child to a pediatric hospital. The mother and father initially claimed the babysitter must have injured the child. A child protective services report was filed naming the minor babysitter as the perpetrator. This report was unfounded. Upon examination at the hospital, the child presented with seizures, a bruise to his left jaw, extensive intracranial bleeding, diffuse brain edema, and a healing femur fracture. Subsequently, the child's mother disclosed witnessing the child's father punching the child in his head. On December 7, 2016, a report was then filed naming the child's father and mother as alleged perpetrators due to the mother and the father's delay in obtaining medical care and the father causing the physical injuries to the child. There were three siblings in the home who were placed with the maternal grandmother as a result of the incident. The child was discharged from the hospital on November 25, 2016, and placed with his siblings in their maternal grandmother's care. The children have unsupervised visitation with the mother but no contact with the father at this time. The father was arrested on November 11, 2016. He is currently incarcerated awaiting trial. No charges were filed against the mother. The mother is receiving in-home services to assist with accessing community resources, strengthening parenting skills, and household management skills as well as intimate partner violence counseling. This family was previously known to ACOCYF. From February 2014 to October 2016, three separate general protective services referrals were received with concerns of intimate partner violence and unmet medical needs. All three referrals were screened out after making one collateral contact.

Beaver County

13. A 1-year-old male child nearly died on December 17, 2016, as a result of serious physical neglect. Beaver County Children and Youth Services (BCCYS) indicated the case on January 11, 2017, naming the child's mother as the perpetrator. On December 17, 2016, the child sustained second and third degree burns from hot bath water. The mother filled up the bathtub with about an inch of water. The mother went into her room to get a diaper, sleeper, and wipes. She reported when she left the bathroom, the victim child was at the end of the tub opposite of the faucet. When she returned to the bathroom, the victim child was under the faucet with the water turned on. By this time, the water was up to his knees and his inner thighs and private area were burned. The mother got him out of the tub and called the paramedics. The child was taken to a local hospital via ambulance. The child remained in the hospital until his discharge to a pediatric specialty rehabilitation

hospital on January 13, 2017, where he remained until January 17, 2017. He was discharged and placed into kinship foster care. There was a 2-year old sibling in the home. The child and his sibling were adjudicated dependent on January 19, 2017, and both remain in the same kinship foster home. The mother pled guilty to endangering the welfare of children and will serve five years' probation. At the time of the incident, the family was open for services with BCCYS due to a dependency petition being filed on September 25, 2015, by BCCYS due to the mother reporting she was unstable and unable to meet the needs of her children at that time. On June 29, 2016, a child protective services referral was made regarding the children while they were residing in kinship foster care. There were allegations of a bruise on the victim child and use of marijuana in front of the children. This case was unfounded on July 7, 2016, and the foster family continued to receive services from the general protective services referral in 2015. On July 25, 2016, the children were returned to their mother with continued dependency. Dependency for both children was terminated on October 31, 2016. The family was involved with crisis in-home services and early intervention services with ongoing safety assessments provided by BCCYS.

Berks County

14. A 2-year-old female child nearly died on January 10, 2017, as a result of serious physical neglect. Berks County Children and Youth Services (BCCYS) indicated the case on March 6, 2017, naming the child's mother, father, and paternal aunt as the perpetrators. The paternal aunt was a babysitter for the child and did not intervene on the child's behalf. On April 11, 2017, the court determined there was evidence of abuse and the status of the report was changed to founded. On January 10, 2017, the child was taken to the local hospital due to having a fever and excessive mucus for a week. The victim child was born at a local motel with no medical involvement until the visit to the local hospital on January 10, 2017. The child had not had any immunizations and upon assessment, was found to be extremely malnourished and underweight, with severe constipation. She weighed only 14 pounds and had very little muscle tone in both upper and lower extremities. The child was found to be in respiratory distress, and a chest x-ray showed a combination of pneumonia and partial collapse of one lung. A chest x-ray showed a condition of decreased bone density, resulting in underlying bone issues. The father reported the child's diet consisted of cereals, plantains, rice, beans, spaghetti, fruits, and vegetables. He said the child was not fed meat or dairy. He reported that the reason for the dietary restrictions was due to religious beliefs. The doctor indicated that the child's condition was a result of neglect and malnourishment. BCCYS obtained an emergency custody order on February 23, 2017, with court ordered responsibility for medical decisions. Upon discharge the child was placed in a medical foster home. The foster mother has received training for the victim child's feeding and medical needs. No charges have been filed as there is a current criminal investigation in process. The family was not previously known to BCCYS.
15. A 2-month-old female child nearly died on December 20, 2016, as a result of physical abuse. Berks County Children and Youth Services (BCCYS) indicated the case on February 17, 2017, naming the child's mother and father as the perpetrators. The child was brought into a local hospital after becoming

unresponsive while the parents and children were visiting a friend at the friend's home. Varying explanations were provided surrounding the events that led up to the child being brought to the hospital. The mother and father reported that the father went to check on the child and noticed that the child appeared limp and her eyes were not open. Per the mother and father's account, the mother then took the child into a separate room and performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on the child. At that point, the mother reported that the child gasped and vomited up blood. Per the friend's report, the mother and father were in a separate room with the child and her twin sibling for approximately one hour when she heard a "commotion." The friend reported investigating this commotion and saw that the mother was holding the child who appeared to be limp and non-responsive. The friend reported taking the child from the mother and noted the child's frenulum in her mouth was bleeding. On the day of the incident, the child was transferred from the local hospital to a pediatric hospital. Multiple tests were completed (magnetic resonance imaging, skeletal survey, computerized tomography scan, and blood work) which uncovered that the child had a liver laceration, four possible rib fractures that were healing, a brain hemorrhage, and a torn frenulum. The mother and father were interviewed by law enforcement at the hospital. The child also has two half-siblings who live with the parents. Due to the severity of the child's injuries, the child's twin and half-siblings were also admitted to the hospital per the doctor's request. The child's twin was found to have lacerations to the liver and both kidneys as well as bleeding in the brain; no significant injuries were found for the half-siblings. The criminal investigation is on-going. The victim child and her twin sibling will be placed in a medical foster home at discharge. The older two children will reside with their biological fathers for safety reasons. The children will receive early intervention services and will be monitored by a local pediatrician. This family was known to BCCYS. There was a previous general protective services (GPS) investigation on February 23, 2015, concerning unclean living conditions as well as the mother's use of marijuana. The concerns were not validated, and the case was closed at intake. On October 15, 2016, another GPS report indicated this child and her twin sibling tested positive for THC (marijuana) at birth. The report was investigated but closed at intake on March 24, 2016, as the mother was able to provide a negative drug sample.

16. A 2-month-old female child nearly died on December 22, 2016 as a result of physical abuse. Berks County Children and Youth Services (BCCYS) indicated the case on February 17, 2017, naming the child's mother and father as the perpetrators. The child was taken to a local pediatric hospital after her twin was admitted to this hospital on December 20, 2016, with severe injuries as a result of suspected child abuse. A CT scan of the victim child was positive for a liver laceration, kidney lacerations, and bleeding in the brain. On December 29, 2016, the mother made an admission to the BCCYS caseworker that she had both twins in the same car seat and was carrying them down a staircase when she fell. She reported they cried momentarily but then seemed fine. The physician involved stated that it was highly unlikely that such major injuries could occur in this matter. In addition to the twin, the child also has two half-siblings who live with the parents. The half-siblings were also admitted to the hospital per the doctor's request. No significant injuries were found. The mother and father are restricted from any contact at this time. The criminal investigation is on-going. The victim

child and her twin sibling will be placed in a medical foster home at discharge. The older two children will reside with their biological fathers for safety reasons. The children will receive early intervention services and will be monitored by a local pediatrician. This family was known to BCCYS. There was a previous general protective services (GPS) investigation on February 23, 2015, concerning unclean living conditions as well as the mother's use of marijuana. The concerns were not validated, and the case was closed at intake. On October 15, 2016, another GPS report indicated this child and her twin sibling tested positive for THC (marijuana) at birth. The report was investigated but closed at intake on March 24, 2016, as mother was able to provide a negative drug sample.

Cambria County

17. A 3-month-old male child nearly died on December 20, 2016, due to physical abuse. Cambria County Children and Youth Services (CCCYS) indicated the case on January 24, 2017, naming the child's father and mother as the perpetrators. The parents took the child to a local hospital due to a head injury. The father alleged that he had fallen while carrying the child. However, a computerized tomography scan confirmed a significant penetrating head injury with a foreign body, likely a pellet/bullet from a gun in the brain. The child was transferred by helicopter from the local hospital to a specialized pediatric hospital and was admitted to the pediatric intensive care unit. Due to the location of the pellet within the brain, physicians were unable to remove it due to potentially causing additional brain damage. The long-term effects of the child's injury are unknown. During the investigation, it was revealed that the mother had placed the child on the floor to change his diaper when the father picked up the BB gun from the floor and it accidentally discharged with the pellet striking the child's head and entering his brain. On January 25, 2017, the child was discharged from the hospital. He is currently residing with both parents and the paternal grandmother. The grandmother agreed to be the responsible person on the established safety plan ensuring that neither parent has unsupervised contact with the child. The family is receiving support services as a result of the incident which include homemaker services, early intervention services for the child, and scheduled psychological evaluations for the parents. There were no other children in the home. The child's father was charged with aggravated assault of a victim less than six years of age, endangering the welfare of children, and recklessly endangering another person. He was incarcerated and subsequently released on bail. His bail conditions allow him to have supervised visitation with the child. At the time of this report, no charges have been filed against the mother. The mother had no past involvement with CCCYS as an adult but was involved as a child due to allegations of lack of supervision and truancy of a sibling. Both reports were screened out and no services were initiated. The father has had no past involvement with CCCYS.
18. A 4-month-old male child nearly died on January 23, 2017, due to serious physical neglect. Cambria County Children and Youth Services (CCCYS) founded the case on March 01, 2017, naming the child's father and mother as the perpetrators. The parents called emergency medical services on January 23, 2017, stating that the child had stopped breathing twice and symptoms including a cough and "fussiness." The child was transported by ambulance to the local

hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, the child was found to be pale, severely undernourished, and minimally responsive to stimuli. It was documented that the child was hypothermic. He had no spontaneous breaths and had to be vigorously rubbed to initiate breaths. The child was transported to a pediatric hospital where medical practitioners determined that the child was not being provided enough life-sustaining calories. Immediately following the incident, a safety plan was implemented for the 2-year-old sibling whereby the child was placed with a family member. The two older half-siblings, ages 8 and 9, remained in the home of the mother's paramour who is the victim child's father as they were able to provide some self-care and obtain food. On March 16, 2017, the mother and the father were arrested and charged with endangering the welfare of children and recklessly endangering another person. Both parents were initially incarcerated but released on bail on March 25, 2017. The child will remain in the care and custody of CCCYS. He has been receiving care from an approved resource family since his discharge from the hospital. Reportedly he had gained two and one-half pounds prior to discharge and is expected to have a full recovery. Due to the parents' arrest and incarcerations, the three half-siblings are now living with the biological father of the older two half-siblings. Ongoing casework services will be provided to the family and CCCYS has initiated referrals for in-home parenting services and supervised visitation between the children and the parents. This family was known to CCCYS prior to this incident. From March 2015 to the date of the near fatality, six separate referrals were received with concerns that included the mother and child testing positive for marijuana and methadone, inadequate hygiene, child behavioral problems, parental substance use, lack of supervision and inappropriate discipline. All six referrals were invalidated and closed out after an initial assessment period.

Centre County

19. A 12-year-old male child nearly died on January 14, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. Centre County Children and Youth Services (CCCYS) indicated the case on February 17, 2017, naming the child's father as the perpetrator. On January 14, 2017, the child was transported by ambulance to a local hospital where he received trauma care for a gunshot wound to the head. He was later transported to a pediatric hospital for further treatment and evaluation. The bullet entered the child's right temple and proceeded through his head directly behind his eyes before exiting at his left temple. He underwent extensive emergency surgery on his eyes and cranial cavity. The child permanently lost his eyesight, but appears to have not suffered any other serious brain injury as a result of the trauma. He was released from the hospital about one week later to a rehabilitation center where he received services for two weeks prior to being released into the care of his mother. On the day of the incident, the child was with his father, 11-year-old sister, uncle, and cousin at a shooting range. Inconsistent information was provided by the family regarding this incident. It was reported that the child's 11-year-old sister was the one who had fired the shot, but varying accounts were provided regarding how the bullet hit her brother. The main account of events was that the bullet hit the ground, ricocheted, and then hit the child. Both the medical and physical evidence do not support this account of the incident. CCCYS met with the parents and the child's siblings the day after the incident and assured the safety of the child's

siblings as the mother was adamant she would not allow the children to go to the shooting range anymore and the parents assured the agency that there were no firearms in the family's home. The father and the uncle refused to be interviewed regarding the events of the incident. The father has a previous criminal record that does not allow him to purchase or possess firearms. Law enforcement did find multiple unsecured firearms in the home on January 16, 2017. The father was arrested and charged with several felonies related to unlawful possession of firearms and was then released on bail. At this time, CCCYS implemented a safety plan with both parents that the father would not have any unsupervised contact with the children and that the mother would not allow the children to be around firearms. Following the child's release from the rehabilitation center, the mother and the children relocated to another state, where the mother's family is located. This state's child protective services agency is currently assessing the needs of the family and ensuring that the children receive recommended follow-up treatment. The criminal investigation is ongoing. The family was previously known to CCCYS. A general protective services report was received in May 2014, for lack of supervision and inadequate food in the home. The concerns were unable to be substantiated and the case was closed at the intake level with the family receiving no additional services.

Dauphin County

20. A 5-year-old female child nearly died on December 19, 2016, as a result of serious physical neglect. Dauphin County Social Services for Children and Youth (DCSSCY) indicated the case on February 16, 2017, naming the child's male legal guardian, female legal guardian, two adult male household members, and minor female household member as the perpetrators. On December 16, 2016, DCSSCY arrived at the home of the child where she was observed to be extremely underweight. The child's bedroom had a lock on the exterior of the door and was observed to be very dirty with no furniture or heat. The child was taken to the hospital where she was found to be malnourished. The child initially could not tolerate food. It was determined that the child's condition was due to not being provided adequate food or nutrition for a significant period of time. A 6-year-old male child was found to be in a similar physical state. The victim child was under the legal guardianship of the father and step-mother of the 6-year-old who lived in the home. The victim child's mother had voluntarily signed guardianship over to the female legal guardian in 2012. There was also a 17-year-old female and 4-year-old female who resided in the home. The victim child, the 4-year-old, and the 6-year-old were hospitalized on December 16, 2016. A hearing occurred on December 19, 2016, where the children were temporarily detained in DCSSCY custody and no contact was allowed with the legal guardians. The 17-year-old voluntarily went to stay with the maternal grandmother and is doing well. The 4-year-old was discharged from the hospital on December 22, 2016, and placed in a kinship home. The 4-year-old is receiving early intervention services and attends child care. Upon discharge from the hospital on December 23, 2016, the victim child was placed in the same kinship home. She has experienced substantial weight gain and is now able to participate in normal activities for her age and development. The 6-year-old was discharged from the hospital January 4, 2017, and placed in the same kinship home as the other children. He continues to need a special diet and

special feeding procedures. On January 4, 2017, an adjudication hearing was held, and the children remain dependent with no contact between the children and the legal guardians. The legal guardians were charged with multiple counts of aggravated assault, unlawful restraint, false imprisonment, endangering the welfare of children, and conspiracy to commit aggravated assault. They were arrested and remain incarcerated as they await trial. There were two other adult males and another adult female who lived in separate sections of the home but did not have regular access to the home. The non-relative household members were indicated due to their role in the daily observation and care of the child. Criminal charges are pending for these individuals. DCSSCY had a sporadic history of involvement with the victim child's biological mother from 2011-2014. Six general protective service (GPS) reports were received regarding the biological mother's inadequate housing, mental health concerns and ability to meet the needs of her child. One child protective services report (CPS) was received regarding the mother allegedly shaking the child. The child and mother were found stable, no concerns were noted, supportive services were in place and the cases were closed. From November 2014 to June 2015, there was one GPS report and two CPS reports regarding children in the home of the legal guardians. The GPS report was screened out and both CPS reports were unfounded. In July 2015, a CPS report was received alleging sexual abuse of a child who had previously lived in the home of the male legal guardian, with the male legal guardian being the alleged perpetrator. In September 2015, the case was indicated for sexual abuse for the reporting child. DCSSCY did not have enough evidence to pursue court involvement; therefore, the case was closed September 28, 2015.

21. A 6-year-old male child nearly died on December 19, 2016, as a result of serious physical neglect. Dauphin County Social Services for Children and Youth (DCSSCY) indicated the case on February 16, 2017, naming the child's father, stepmother, two adult male household members, and minor female household member as the perpetrators. In addition, the father and stepmother were indicated for physical abuse on the case. On December 16, 2016, DCSSCY arrived at the home of the child who was observed to be extremely underweight with bruising on his face. The child's bedroom was observed to have no furniture, no heat, to be very dirty, and had a lock on the exterior of the door. The child was taken to the hospital where they documented an injury to the child's head and bruising on his body. The child was malnourished and had significant issues tolerating food and suffered from a severely distended stomach. It was determined that the child's condition was due to not being provided adequate food or nutrition for a significant period of time. The child reported he received the injury to his face after his father threw him across the room. There was a 5-year-old female who shared the bedroom with the child who was found to be in a similar physical state. There were also two step-siblings: a 17-year-old female and 4-year-old female who resided in the home. The victim child, the 4-year-old and the 5-year-old child were hospitalized on December 16, 2016. A hearing occurred on December 19, 2016, where the children were temporarily detained in DCSSCY custody and no contact was allowed with the legal guardians. The 17-year-old voluntarily went to stay with the maternal grandmother and is doing well. The 4-year-old was discharged from the hospital on December 22, 2016, and placed in a kinship home. The 4-year-old is receiving early intervention services and attends child care. On December 23, 2016, the 5-

year-old child was placed in the same kinship home. The victim child was placed in the same kinship care home upon discharge from the hospital on January 4, 2017, where he remains. On December 23, 2016, the father and stepmother were charged with multiple counts of aggravated assault, unlawful restraint, false imprisonment, endangering the welfare of children, and conspiracy to commit aggravated assault. They were arrested and remain incarcerated as they await trial. There were two other adult males and another adult female who lived in separate sections of the home but did have regular access to the home. The non-relative household members were indicated due to their role in the daily observation and care of the child. Criminal charges are pending for these individuals. From November 2014 to June 2015, there was one GPS report and two CPS reports regarding children in the home of the legal guardians. The GPS report was screened out and both CPS reports were unfounded. In July 2015, a CPS report was received alleging sexual abuse of a child who had previously lived in the home of the male legal guardian, with the male legal guardian being the alleged perpetrator. In September 2015, the case was indicated for sexual abuse for the reporting child. DCSSCY did not have enough evidence to pursue court involvement; therefore, the case was closed September 28, 2015.

Delaware County

22. A 2-month-old male child nearly died on January 4, 2017, as a result of serious physical neglect. Delaware County Children and Youth Services (DCCYS) indicated the report on February 23, 2017, naming the child's mother as the perpetrator. The child's newborn appointment took place on October 27, 2016, two months after the child's birth. A physical exam revealed that the child had extremely long and dirty fingernails, severe seborrheic dermatitis, candida diaper rash, extremely dry skin, an electrolyte abnormality, and a left club foot. Additionally, it was revealed the mother had been feeding the child only eight ounces of formula three times a day and adding rice cereal to each of his feedings. The mother was given very explicit instructions on how to feed the child appropriately and was given other follow-up instructions to address the concerns. She was instructed to follow-up with a physician appointment in one week but failed to do so. She was instructed to contact an orthopedic practice in regard to the child's club foot but failed to keep the appointment. The pediatric office then initiated contact with the mother on December 1, 2016, to schedule the child's four-month wellness follow-up appointment but the mother did not keep the appointment. She did make and keep an appointment on December 20, 2016. During this visit, it was noted that the child was found to have failure to thrive as he had only gained 11 ounces in over a two-month period. He was certified to be in serious/critical condition and was directly admitted to the pediatrics inpatient facility. DCCYS took emergency custody of the child as the mother refused to cooperate with the child protective services investigation. The child was placed in foster care where he is thriving. The child has been receiving follow up appointments with cardiology, neurology, genetics, orthopedics, surgery, early intervention, physical therapy and occupational therapy. No criminal charges have been filed against the mother as law enforcement is currently investigating the matter. The family was not previously known to DCYS.

Greene County

23. A 19-day-old female child nearly died on November 28, 2016, as a result of physical abuse. Greene County Children and Youth Services (GCCYS) indicated the case on January 12, 2017, naming the mother and the father as the perpetrators. The child was taken to a local hospital by the parents due to the child not breathing. The child was transported via ambulance to a pediatric hospital and upon arrival received two doses of Narcan. The child responded to the medication. A drug screen revealed the child was positive for opiates (codeine) and buprenorphine. The child was admitted to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The mother's explanation for the child testing positive for the drugs was due to her use of Subutex and breastfeeding. The mother and the father were the only caretakers for the child when the ingestion occurred. Neither parent offered an explanation of how the child ingested the drugs other than through breast milk, which was ruled out by the treating physicians. No charges have been filed against the parents as the criminal investigation continues to be ongoing. There are no other children in the home. The child is currently in foster care. The parents have supervised visitation and are receiving parenting instruction along with drug and alcohol treatment. The family was previously known to GCCYS. A general protective services report was received at the time of the child's birth due to concerns for the mother and the father's drug usage. The parents were to participate in drug and alcohol testing. The report was still being assessed at the time of the near fatality incident.

Lehigh County

24. A 15-year-old female nearly died on November 24, 2016, as a result of physical abuse. Lehigh County Children and Youth Services (LCCYS) indicated the case on January 24, 2017, naming the child's 24-year-old half-sibling as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the child and the half-sibling were "rough-housing" which then became violent. The half-sibling grabbed the child around the neck and choked the child until the child passed out. The child was taken to the hospital, a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) was performed, and she was admitted overnight. The child's disclosure and the child's physical and radiologic findings are consistent with strangulation. A criminal investigation was immediately commenced at the time of the incident and the half-sibling was charged with aggravated assault and is incarcerated, awaiting trial. Following the investigation by LCCYS, the child was referred for counseling support from a trauma-focused program and is receiving physical and occupational therapy. The family was previously known to LCCYS. In 2015, a general protective services referral was received concerning alcohol abuse by the child's father. There was no evidence to support those allegations and the case was closed at that time.

25. A 16-month-old female child nearly died on January 30, 2017, as a result of physical abuse and serious physical neglect. Lehigh County Children and Youth Services (LCCYS) indicated the case on March 15, 2017, naming the child's maternal aunt and uncle as the perpetrators. On January 30, 2017, an ambulance transported the child to a local hospital after the maternal aunt reported the child had two seizures. The child was admitted to a local pediatric intensive care unit

following diagnosis of a brain bleed, facial bruising, malnutrition, severe diaper rash and a history of seizures. The child had been cared for by the maternal aunt and uncle since the child was 5 months of age. The child's biological mother had made a private arrangement with the maternal aunt transferring care/custody of the child to her prior to the mother being incarcerated in another state. During the investigation, it was determined that the child was routinely confined to a crib area where she was subjected to inadequate hygiene, minimal social stimulation, and inadequate nutrition. The child's uncle admitted to grabbing the child by the throat and shaking the child several times before throwing the child into the pack and play on the day of the incident. Both the aunt and uncle admitted to recognizing the child needed medical attention for developmental delays and inability to feed. The aunt and uncle had two biological children of their own who were also residing in the home. LCCYS placed these children in a resource home where they currently remain. The child was discharged from the hospital and transferred to a rehabilitation facility on February 7, 2017. She received early intervention services and occupational and physical therapy. She has gained weight and is showing improvements in social skills. On May 3, 2017, she was discharged from the rehabilitation facility and placed in the same resource home that the aunt and uncle's children were placed in. LCCYS developed a concurrent plan with goals of adoption and for the child to possibly return to her mother who is residing in another state. The uncle was arrested and charged with endangering the welfare of a child and simple and aggravated assault. He is currently incarcerated and awaiting trial. No charges were filed against the aunt. The family was not previously known to Lehigh CYS.

Philadelphia County

26. A 1-month-old male child nearly died on December 20, 2016, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services (PDHS) indicated the case on January 18, 2017, naming the child's mother and father as the perpetrators. The mother and the father were the sole caretakers of the child on the day of the incident. On December 18, 2016, the parents had taken the child to a local hospital due to the child crying uncontrollably for several days. While at the local hospital, the child calmed down and was diagnosed with colic. The parents were informed that the child was fine and could go home. On December 20, 2016, the father called the mother at work stating that the child was crying and convulsing. The father transported the child to the mother's place of employment and she noticed the child's pinky was shaking. She breastfed him and the shaking stopped. The family returned home. Later that evening, the child began kicking his leg uncontrollably and his lower lip trembled, and the parents transported the child to a pediatric hospital. A computerized axial tomography scan revealed the child had a subdural hematoma, retinal hemorrhages and seizures. Medical evidence conveyed that the injuries the child sustained were consistent with non-accidental trauma, or shaking. The child's 1-year-old sibling was assessed by hospital physicians and showed no sign of abuse or injury. On December 22, 2016, PDHS obtained custody of the sibling and the child was placed in a foster home. On December 30, 2016, PDHS obtained custody of the victim child who remained hospitalized. Upon release from the hospital on January 13, 2017, the victim child was placed into a medical foster home. On February 6, 2017, the sibling was moved to the same foster home as the victim child. The child is doing well and is

scheduled for neurology and ophthalmologist appointments for follow-up. The child also has a sister who resides in another country with her paternal grandmother. The parents currently have supervised visitation with the children. No charges have been filed as the criminal investigation is pending. The parents were offered parenting classes as a result of the incident but refused based on the advice of their attorney. The family was not known to PDHS prior to this incident.

27. A 2-year-old male child nearly died on November 24, 2016, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services (PDHS) indicated the case on January 19, 2017, naming the child's mother and father as the perpetrators. The mother and father were inconsistent in their explanations as to how the incident occurred. The father reported the victim child reached under the mattress upon which the father was sleeping and grabbed the gun and shot himself. The mother reported that the victim child's cousin went upstairs to use the bathroom, found the keys to the safe, removed the loaded gun, brought it downstairs, and shot the victim child. The mother reported that she was in the kitchen when she heard a loud "bang." She went into the living room and the victim child ran toward her. The mother observed that he was covered in blood as the child had been shot in the right side of his chest and two fingers. She reported that the father was asleep upstairs when the incident occurred and had not heard anything. She stated that she informed him as to what occurred, and the child was taken to a local hospital and then transferred to a specialized pediatric hospital for emergency care. The mother reported that the victim child's 11-year-old half-sibling and 16-month-old sibling were also in the home and asleep when the incident occurred. As a result of the incident, a safety plan was developed whereby the child and his 16-month-old sibling would reside with their paternal grandmother. The grandparents were awarded temporary legal custody on December 27, 2016. Both children are receiving in-home services and the victim child is also receiving speech therapy. There are no medical concerns for the child at this time, however, he will need reconstructive surgery on his finger in the near future. The 11-year-old half-sibling resides with her biological father who was awarded full legal custody on December 27, 2016. On November 25, 2016, both parents were arrested. The mother was charged with endangering the welfare of children. On January 19, 2017, she was released from jail on bail. The father was charged with possession of a prohibited firearm and endangering the welfare of children. He is currently incarcerated, awaiting trial. The family was previously known to PDHS. In December 2007, a general protective services report was received alleging inadequate living conditions. The report was investigated and assessed to be invalid. The family was referred for prevention services at that time.
28. A 2-year-old male child nearly died on March 8, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services (PDHS) indicated the case on March 29, 2017, naming the child's mother as the perpetrator. The mother jumped out of a second story window while holding the child in her hands. It was reported that the mother was under the influence of Phencyclidine (PCP) at the time of the incident. The child was transported to a pediatric hospital and the mother was transported to a local hospital. The child suffered an orbital fracture, head and brain bleed, and multiple skull and nasal fractures. The child was discharged from the hospital on March 13, 2017, to the care of his maternal uncle where he

remains. The mother has a history of mental health and drug and alcohol issues. There are no other children in the home as the mother's two other children were placed in foster care prior to this incident and are in the legal custody of PDHS. The mother was arrested and charged with attempted murder, aggravated assault, endangering the welfare of children, simple assault, and recklessly endangering another person. She is currently incarcerated, awaiting trial. The family was previously known to PDHS. In March 2011, a general protective services (GPS) report was received with concerns of substance abuse and the mother not being prepared to care for her newborn child. The report was assessed as valid. Services were offered, however the mother declined. In 2012, a GPS report alleged that the mother and a sibling newborn baby tested positive for marijuana at birth and there was violence in the home. The report was determined as valid. In-home protective services were provided until May 2013, when the two children were placed in kinship care. In July 2016, the parent's rights were involuntarily terminated for these two siblings. Mother gave birth to the victim child in 2014 and PDHS completed a safety assessment and deemed the infant safe in the care of the mother. The baby was negative for substance abuse exposure when tested at birth. In November 2015, a GPS report alleged the mother was not providing medical care to the victim child and the victim child presented with developmental delays. The report was determined invalid in January 2016. A similar GPS report was received in May 2016, which was determined valid. The victim child and his mother received in-home safety services from June 2, 2016, until January 10, 2017.

Washington County

29. A 2-year-old male child nearly died on November 19, 2016, as a result of physical abuse. Washington County Children and Youth Services (WCYS) indicated the case on January 10, 2017, naming the child's mother's paramour as the perpetrator. The morning of November 19, 2016, it was reported that the child had fallen down the stairs while in the mother's paramour's care. The mother reported that while she remained upstairs in the home, her paramour took the victim child and his two children downstairs. After an undetermined amount of time, the paramour yelled for her to come downstairs. She observed the victim child lying on the floor with vomit coming from his mouth. She stated her paramour then called 9-1-1. The child was transported via ambulance to a pediatric hospital. The nature of the child's injuries was not consistent with the information provided by the mother. The physicians stated that the resulting injuries were not caused by a fall, but by another individual. The child sustained a left side subdural hematoma and an immense amount of brain swelling. In addition, he experienced patterned bruising all over his face and shoulders, a blood shot eye and a torn frenulum. Emergency surgery was performed on November 19, 2017, to remove part of the child's skull to alleviate some of the brain swelling. The child was placed in a medically induced coma from November 19 to November 28, 2016. He was discharged from the hospital December 1, 2016, to a children's rehabilitation center. On January 15, 2017, the child had another surgery to close his skull. On January 15, 2017, the child was placed into agency custody and discharged from the hospital to foster care. However, two days later on January 17, 2017, the child had emergency surgery to place a shunt into his head to alleviate pressure. The child was adjudicated dependent on February 23, 2017. The victim's mother's paramour was

arrested on November 21, 2016, and charged with attempted homicide, two counts of aggravated assault, simple assault, endangering the welfare of a child, and recklessly endangering another person. He remains incarcerated, awaiting trial. The mother and the child's father are receiving supervised visitation twice a week along with parenting instruction. The child is attending all follow-up medical appointments with his neurologists. The mother's paramour's two children were also in the residence at the time the child received these injuries. Both were placed into foster care on November 20, 2016. These two children remain in foster care while their biological mother complies with services to reunify with her children. In September 2016, the mother and the victim child had moved from Fayette County to Washington County. There was no prior involvement with Fayette County Children and Youth Services or WCYS. The mother's paramour was involved with WCYS due to a number of reports concerning his biological children. From June 2009 to September 2016, the mother's paramour and his family were referred for reasons related to alleged maltreatment of the children, noncompliance of the parents in addressing the children's developmental delays and inadequate home conditions. The referrals resulted in early intervention services and diagnostic services in order to assist the parents with management of the children's delays and behaviors.

Westmoreland County

30. A 3-year-old female child nearly died on January 23, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. The Westmoreland County Children's Bureau indicated the case on March 22, 2017, naming the child's mother's paramour as the perpetrator. On the morning of January 23, 2017, the child began to cry while eating her breakfast. The mother viewed the child's mouth and throat for injuries, but none were observed. The child complained that her neck hurt the rest of the day. Around 4:00 PM, the mother left the children in the care of the paramour while she went to the grocery store. The paramour gave the children a snack during the mother's one-hour absence. According to the paramour, the child was half way through eating her snack when she appeared to be gagging. He thought she was faking an illness and responded by stating she needed to finish her snack which she did. The child began to cry when the paramour cleaned her up after her snack. When the mother arrived back home, she noticed the child appeared sick. The mother took the child upstairs for a nap, and checked on her 20 minutes later. The mother observed the child was drooling some blood. The mother immediately took the child to a local hospital. The child was admitted in respiratory distress and had bloody emesis. The physicians determined the child had bruising and swelling to her palate, mouth and throat. The injuries sustained were highly suspicious of trauma and the hospital physicians reported that the child stated that she was choked. It was later stated the child had previously told her father's paramour's daughter that her "other daddy choked her." The child was released from the hospital on January 26, 2017, to her biological father's care and remains there. There were two half-siblings in the home along with two of the paramour's children. WCCB established a safety plan which required the mother to supervise the children at all times around the paramour. The paramour's children's mother assumed sole custody of her children on January 29, 2017. Local law enforcement is still conducting their investigation and no charges have been filed. The family's case was accepted for ongoing services on March 22, 2017. The mother and her paramour are receiving parenting

instruction along with links to community resources. The victim child's mother and father were both known to WCCB and Fayette County Children and Youth Services prior to this incident. In 2016, there were two prior general protective services referrals screened out due to lack of allegations suggesting child abuse and/or neglect. A third referral in 2016 involved a child protective services (CPS) report due to concerns that the victim child had a broken humerus. The cause of the broken bone was determined to be accidental. The family was accepted for services. In November 2016, a CPS report was received concerning the victim child having scratches and marks after a visit with her father. This was referred to Fayette County where the father lived. Fayette County has history with both the victim child's mother and father from December 2010 through December 2016. There were two general protective services reports for concerns for scratches on the child and for domestic violence between the mother and the child's biological father. Five other referrals were screened out. The mother's paramour was not previously known to a children and youth agency.

31. An 11-month-old female child nearly died on December 15, 2016, as a result of serious physical neglect. Westmoreland County Children's Bureau (WCCB) indicated the case on February 13, 2017, naming the mother, the father, and the maternal grandmother as the perpetrators. The child was left alone with the maternal grandmother while the parents were upstairs in the home placing the child's sibling down for a nap. The child was not to be alone with the grandmother due to previously reported supervision concerns. On the day of the incident, the grandmother is believed to have given the child cough syrup with codeine to soothe the child's cold-like symptoms. The child became unconscious, the grandmother alerted the father to come downstairs. The father performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation on the child until the paramedics arrived. The victim child was transported to the hospital where she was intubated and given Ativan, Succinylcholine, and fluids. The child was in critical condition. She was discharged back into the parent's care. WCCB ensured safety by instructing the parents not to allow unsupervised contact with the grandmother. The father, the mother, and the maternal grandmother have all been charged with endangering the welfare of children and are currently awaiting a preliminary hearing. The family was opened for services on February 13, 2017, and both parents are receiving parenting instruction. The family was previously known to WCCB. Three general protective service (GPS) reports were received from November 2015 to October 2016. The allegations were due to concerns for supervision, the mother's substance use, and having inadequate amounts of food in the home. These reports were not opened for services. The child's father and his ex-paramour had forty-four referrals from 2009 to 2017, with thirty-two being GPS reports due to housing conditions and a half-sibling being accused of sexual assault. Twelve child protective service reports were received regarding sexual abuse allegations, all of which were unfounded. The child's father was indicated in 2012 for physical abuse of one of the half-siblings. He was required to participate in anger management and parenting classes which he successfully completed. The family was open for in-home services in 2009, 2010, 2012, 2014, and 2015 to address home conditions. These cases were closed after brief in-home services were provided.