**Fatalities**

Allegheny

1. A 12-month-old male child died on July 27, 2023, as a result of serious physical neglect. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth, and Families indicated the report on August 10, 2023, naming the victim child’s mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was left unattended on a floatation device in the family pool and drowned. Emergency medical services were contacted, and the child was transported to the hospital. The child subsequently died as a result of the drowning. It was determined through the investigation that the mother admitted to leaving the child unattended in the swimming pool. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the one other child in the home at the time of the incident remained in the home and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
2. A 5-year-old female child died on June 13, 2023, as a result of serious physical neglect. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth, and Families indicated the report on August 10, 2023, naming the victim child’s mother and maternal grandmother as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found unresponsive, and emergency medical services were contacted. The child was transported to the local children’s hospital and subsequently died. A toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for a prescription medication. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the maternal grandmother were the sole caregivers of the victim child at the time of the ingestion. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the two other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed in foster care and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
3. An 11-month-old male child died on May 14, 2023, as a result of serious physical neglect. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth, and Families indicated the report on July 6, 2023, naming the victim child’s mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the mother was co-sleeping with the victim child and the child was found unresponsive between the bed and the wall wrapped in a blanket. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation was initiated, and emergency medical services were contacted. The child was subsequently pronounced dead at the hospital. It was determined through the investigation that the mother co-slept with the victim child and admitted to illegal drug use and drinking alcohol at the time of the incident. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Bucks

1. An 8-year-old male died on July 20, 2023, as a result of physical abuse. Bucks County Children and Youth Social Services Agency indicated the report on September 15, 2023, naming the victim child’s father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found with a gunshot wound to the head in the home by the local police during a welfare check. The child died as the result of the gunshot wound sustained. It was determined through the investigation that the child’s father shot and killed the child and then committed suicide. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
2. A 4-month-old male child died on May 25, 2023, as a result of physical abuse. Bucks County Children and Youth Social Services Agency indicated the report on July 19, 2023, naming the victim child’s father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was found unresponsive and emergency medical services were contacted. The child was transported to the local hospital and presented with bruises on the head, face, neck, ears, buttocks, groin, and back and subconjunctival hemorrhages on the eye. The injuries sustained were indicative of abuse. The child subsequently was pronounced dead as the result of the injuries sustained. It was determined through the investigation that the father admitted to shaking and hitting the child causing the injuries sustained. There were no other children in the home and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the father had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Chester

1. An 8-year-old male child died on July 26, 2023, as a result of physical abuse. Chester County Children, Youth, and Families indicated the report on September 20, 2023, naming the victim child’s mother and father as perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was found unresponsive and emergency medical services were contacted. The child was transported to the local hospital and pronounced dead. A toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for illegal substances. It was determined through the investigation that drug paraphernalia and illegal substances were found in the home, and the mother and the father were the sole caregivers of the child at the time of the incident. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.

Lancaster

1. A 1-month-old female child died on June 23, 2023, as a result of physical abuse. Lancaster County Children and Youth Social Services Agency indicated the report on August 11, 2023, naming the victim child’s mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was found by the mother cold to the touch and emergency medical services were contacted. The child was subsequently pronounced dead. It was determined through the investigation, that at the time of the incident the mother co-slept with the child while under the influence of an illegal substance. The one other child in the home at the time of the incident remained in the home and all contact with the mother was supervised. The family received services. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.
2. A 5-year-old male child died on July 24, 2023, as a result of physical neglect. Lancaster County Children and Youth Social Services Agency indicated the report on September 7, 2023, naming the victim child’s father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was riding on a wagon full of industrial pipes when the wagon hit a rock the load shifted, and the child was crushed by the falling pipes. The child died as a result of the incident. It was determined through the investigation that the father allowed the victim child to ride on the wagon with the pipes not strapped to the wagon. The six other children in the home at the time of the incident remained in the home with the mother and the father and all contact was supervised. There were no services provided to the family. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Monroe

1. A 9-year-old male child died on July 23, 2023, as a result of serious physical neglect. Monroe County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on September 19, 2023, naming the victim child’s mother and maternal aunt as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was on a raft in a lake and the raft overturned; the victim child was unable to be located in the water for several minutes. Once the victim child was located, the child was transported to a hospital and was subsequently pronounced dead. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the maternal aunt were responsible for the care of the child at the time of the drowning incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the two other children in the home at the time of the incident remained in the home and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Philadelphia

1. An 8-month-old female child died on July 3, 2023, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on August 18, 2023, naming the victim child’s mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was found unresponsive and emergency services were contacted. The child was transported to the hospital and presented to the hospital unresponsive and cardiopulmonary resuscitation was performed. A toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for illegal substances. The child subsequently died. It was determined through the investigation that the mother was the sole caregiver of the victim child at the time of ingestion of the illegal substances. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the one other child in the home at the time of the incident was placed in the father’s care and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated the mother had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.
2. A 17-month-old male child died on July 22, 2023, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on August 19, 2023, naming the victim child’s mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was found not breathing and emergency medical services were contacted. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the father left the child in the care of a minor sibling which led to the child’s death. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the one other child in the home at the time of the incident remained in the home and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

1. A 2-year-old female child died on July 27, 2023, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on September 8, 2023, naming the victim child’s maternal grandmother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was shot in the back of the head by a 14-year-old cousin. Emergency medical services were contacted, and the child was transported to the local hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital the child was pronounced dead. It was determined through the investigation that the firearm used in the shooting belonged to the maternal grandmother and was left accessible and unsecured. As the result of the safety assessment completed the one other child in the home at the time of the incident was placed with a relative and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the maternal grandmother had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.

**Near Fatalities**

Adams

1. A 1-month-old male child nearly died on June 12, 2023, as a result of physical abuse and serious physical neglect. Adams County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on August 11, 2023, naming the victim child’s mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported medical attention was sought for the victim child after hitting his head on the wall the previous day. The child was initially seen by the primary care physician and then was transported to the local hospital and subsequently the children’s hospital. The child presented to the hospital with seizure activity and medical testing revealed bleeding behind both of eyes, intracranial hemorrhage, and retinal hemorrhages. Further medical examination revealed a fractured rib and ankle. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the father did not immediately seek medical attention for the child at the onset of symptoms and the injuries sustained were indicative of shaking or being thrown and would have occurred in a violent manner. As the result of the safety assessment completed the victim child was placed with a relative and services were provided. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. At the time the report was indicated, the father had been criminally charged and no criminal charges had been filed against the mother. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Allegheny

1. An 11-month-old female child nearly died on August 4, 2023, as a result of serious physical neglect. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth, and Families indicated the report on September 15, 2023, naming the victim child’s mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child became unresponsive after a suspected ingestion of an illegal substance. The child was transported to the local hospital and administered Narcan which the child responded to. It was determined through the investigation that the mother was the sole caregiver of the child at the time of the ingestion. As the result of the safety completed the victim child was placed with a relative and services were provided. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.

Beaver

1. A 12-month-old female child nearly died on June 20, 2023, as a result of physical abuse and serious physical neglect. Beaver County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on September 8, 2023, naming the victim child’s mother’s paramour as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the mother’s paramour was bathing the victim child and left the child unsupervised. When the paramour returned it was reported the child had turned on the hot water. The child was removed from the bath, and it was reported the child's skin began to fall off. The child was transported to the local hospital and presented with burns covering thirty percent of the body including the buttocks, legs, and arms. Further medical examination revealed additional burns to the shoulder, scalp, legs, face, and left ear. The pattern of burning was concerning for abuse and was consistent with submersion burns that were non-accidental in nature and could not have been independently caused by the child. It was determined through the investigation that the mother’s paramour was the sole caregiver of the child at the time the injuries were sustained. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child remained in the care of the mother with all contact being supervised and services were provided. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. At the time the report was indicated, the mother’s paramour had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
2. A 3-week-old male child nearly died on June 30, 2023, as a result of serious physical neglect. Beaver County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on August 15, 2023, naming the victim child’s mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child had diarrhea for several days and at the time of the incident the child was struggling to breath therefore the child was transported to the local hospital. The child presented to a local hospital severely dehydrated and was determined to have acidosis and an elevated white blood count. It was determined through the investigation, that the mother did not seek medical care for the child and the child became severely dehydrated. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed with the father and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.

Berks

1. A 10-month-old male child nearly died on July 26, 2023, as a result of serious physical neglect. Berks County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on September 14, 2023, naming the victim child’s mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was left unsupervised by the mother in the bathtub with the water running; when the mother returned the child was found floating face down in the bathtub. The mother began cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency medical services were contacted. The child presented to the hospital in respiratory distress. It was determined through the investigation that the mother admitted to leaving the child unsupervised for several minutes in the bathtub with the water running. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed with a relative and services were provided. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
2. A 12-month-old male child nearly died on July 16, 2023, as a result of serious physical neglect. Berks County Children and Youth services indicated the report on August 11, 2023, naming the victim child’s mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child ingested a toxic substance and was transported to the emergency room. It was determined through the investigation that the mother was the sole caregiver of the child at the time the toxic substance was ingested and left the child unsupervised. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the one other child in the home at the time of the incident remained in the home and all contact with the mother and the father was supervised by a relative. The family received services. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Cambria

1. An 11-month-old female child nearly died on June 21, 2023, as a result of serious physical neglect. Cambria County Children and Youth Agency indicated the report on August 15, 2023, naming the victim child’s mother and mother’s paramour as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was seen ingesting a substance and subsequently was found unresponsive; emergency medical services were contacted, and the child was transported to the hospital. The child presented to the hospital and was administered Narcan to which the victim child responded positively, and a toxicology screening revealed the child was positive for an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the mother’s paramour were the sole caregivers of the child at the time of the ingestion and an illegal substance was determined to be in the home. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed with relatives and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated the mother and the mother’s paramour had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.

Carbon

1. A less than 1-day-old male child nearly died on July 1, 2023, as a result of serious physical neglect. Carbon County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on September 1, 2023, naming the victim child’s mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, emergency medical services (EMS) were called to the home for an unrelated incident; the victim child was found under the couch unresponsive by EMS and needed immediate medical attention. It was determined through the investigation that the mother did not seek medical care for the child after giving birth to the child in the home. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the child was placed with a relative and services were provided. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Columbia

1. A 19-month-old female child nearly died on August 2, 2023, as a result of serious physical neglect and physical abuse. Columbia County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on September 29, 2023, naming the victim child’s mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported that the victim child was found with a prescription bottle, and it was believed the child ingested the prescription. Emergency services were contacted, and the child was transported to the hospital. A toxicology screening revealed the child was positive for the prescription substance and Narcan was administered. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the father were the sole caregivers at the time of the child ingested the prescription substance. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the one other child in the home at the time of the incident were placed with a relative and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother had been criminally charged and no criminal charges had been filed against the father. The family was previously known to known to child welfare.

Dauphin

1. A 2-month-old male child nearly died on June 14, 2023, as a result of physical abuse. Dauphin County Social Services for Children and Youth indicated the report on July 28, 2023, naming the victim child’s mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported that the victim child was seen by a primary care physician and subsequently was transferred to the local hospital due to concerns regarding the child’s weight, a laceration on the chin, and an injury on the inside of the mouth. The child presented to the hospital and medical testing revealed an abrasion on the chin, increased oral secretions with a weak suck, injury to the soft palate of the mouth, and a left femur fracture and healing rib fractures. It was determined through the investigation that the injuries sustained were indicative of the child being shaken and physical abuse and the mother and the father were the sole caregivers of the child at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed the victim child and the one other child in the home at the time of the incident were placed with a relative and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.

Delaware

1. A 1-month-old male child nearly died on July 12, 2023, as a result of physical abuse. Delaware County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on September 12, 2023, naming the victim child’s mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child fell off the couch and was transported to the local hospital. The child presented to the hospital vomiting, with bruising on the legs, forehead, thigh, and back, scratches on the face, calf, abdomen, chest, and thigh, a subdural hematoma, and healing rib fractures. The injuries sustained were consistent with non-accidental trauma. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the father were the sole caregivers of the child at the time of the incident and did not provide a plausible explanation for the injuries sustained. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed in foster care and services were provided. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Erie

1. A 2-year-old female child nearly died on July 31, 2023, as a result of physical abuse and serious physical neglect. Erie County Office of Children and Youth indicated the report on September 21, 2023, naming the victim child’s mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child woke up vomiting and was difficult to wake therefore, the child was transported to the emergency room. The child presented to the hospital and medical testing revealed clotted cerebral veins, a skull fracture, and retinal hemorrhages. The injuries sustained were indicative of abusive head trauma. It was determined through the investigation that the mother was the sole caregiver of the victim child and admitted to causing the injuries sustained by the child; in addition, the mother failed to seek medical care for the injuries sustained. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the one other child in the home at the time of the incident remained in the care of the child’s other mother and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Fayette

1. A 3-month-old female child nearly died on August 6, 2023, as a result of serious physical neglect and physical abuse. Fayette County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on September 6, 2023, naming the victim child’s paternal grandmother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was lethargic, barely eating, and the child’s eyes were rolling in the back of the head; the child was transported to the emergency room. Upon arrival at the hospital a toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for an illegal substance and Narcan was administered. It was determined through the investigation that the paternal grandmother was the sole caregiver of the child at the time of the ingestion. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child remained in the care of the mother and the father and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Franklin

1. A 4-year-old female child nearly died on August 17, 2023, as a result of serious physical neglect. Franklin County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on September 22, 2023, naming the victim child’s mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was found by the mother cyanotic and was transported to the local hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, a toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for an illegal substance and the child was administered Narcan. It was determined through the investigation that the mother had an illegal substance and drug paraphernalia in the home. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the one other child in the home at the time of the incident were placed in foster care and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated the mother had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Lackawanna

1. A 2-month-old male child nearly died on June 17, 2023, as a result of physical abuse and serious physical neglect. Lackawanna County Office of Children and Youth Services indicated the report on August 2, 2023, naming the victim child’s mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was dropped on the floor by a sibling and emergency medical services were contacted. The child presented to the hospital with brain bleeds, a clavicle fracture, and a spinal injury. The injuries sustained were indicative of non-accidental trauma. It was determined through the investigation that the mother was the sole caregiver of the child at the time of the incident and admitted to causing the injuries sustained by the child. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the one other child in the home at the time of the incident were placed with a relative and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.

Lawrence

1. A 10-month-old female child nearly died on June 2, 2023, as a result of serious physical neglect. Lawrence County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on July 31, 2023, naming an unknown perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported that the victim child was having difficulty breathing and emergency medical services were contacted. Upon arrival at the hospital, a toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for an illegal substance and Narcan was administered. It was determined through the investigation that the alleged perpetrator could not be located therefore an unknown perpetrator was named. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the one other child in the home at the time of the incident were placed with a relative and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Lebanon

1. A 4-month-old male child nearly died on June 26,2023, as a result of physical abuse. Lebanon County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on August 3,2023, naming the victim child’s mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was taken to the local hospital after being found lethargic and unresponsive. Medical testing revealed the child had significant electrolyte abnormalities concerning for dehydration and poor oral food intake. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the father were not taking the child to medical appointments since February 14, 2023, and were not feeding the child adequately. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the three other children in the home at the time of the incident remained in the home and were to have no unsupervised contact with the mother and the father. The family received services. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family was previously known to child welfare.

Lehigh

1. A 4-month-old male child nearly died on June 14, 2023, as a result of physical abuse. Lehigh County Office of Children and Youth Services indicated the report on August 17, 2023, naming the victim child’s mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was seen for a wellness check and it was determined there was an increase in the child’s head size. Medical testing revealed there was blood in the child’s head and the child was transferred to the local pediatric specialty hospital. The injuries sustained were indicative of non-accidental trauma. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the father were the sole caregivers of the child at the time the injuries were sustained and did not provide a plausible explanation for the injuries. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the two other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed in foster care and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
2. A 4-year-old male child nearly died on May 27, 2023, as a result of serious physical neglect. The Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth, and Families’ Northeast Regional Officeindicated the report on July 25, 2023, naming the victim child’s legal guardian as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was left unsupervised outside and subsequently was found face down in the pool; emergency medical services were contacted. It was determined through the investigation that the pool was not properly secured, and medical evidence revealed the legal guardian left the child unsupervised outside with access to the pool for longer than one minute. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the six other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed in foster care and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family was previously known to child welfare.

Luzerne

1. A 19-month-old male child nearly died on July 31, 2023, as a result of serious physical neglect. Luzerne County Children and Youth Agency indicated the report on September 19, 2023, naming the victim child’s father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child ingested an illegal substance that the father left accessible to the child. The child began acting abnormally and was transported to the hospital. The child presented to the hospital with lethargy, hypothermia, and low respiratory rate. It was determined through the investigation that the father was the sole caregiver of the child at the time of the incident and failed to properly supervise the child while the child had access to an illegal substance; the father delayed seeking medical care for the child after the child ingested the illegal substance. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed with a relative and services were provided. There were no other children in the home at the time of incident. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Lycoming

1. A 15-month-old female child nearly died on July 14, 2023, as a result of physical abuse. Lycoming County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on August 28, 2023, naming the victim child’s mother’s paramour as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was brought to the emergency room due to the child having reported hives on the face, acting abnormally, and not eating well. The child presented to the hospital with abrasions on both sides of the face, healing bruising covering the body, linear markings on the buttocks, and a lacerated liver. The injuries sustained were indicative of abuse. It was determined through the investigation that the mother’s paramour was the sole caregiver of the child at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed in foster care and services were provided. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.

McKean

1. A 9-month-old male child nearly died on July 22, 2023, as a result of serious physical neglect and physical abuse. McKean County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on September 8, 2023, naming the victim child’s mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child ingested an illegal substance and was transported to the local emergency room. The child presented to the hospital and was administered Narcan and required cardiopulmonary resuscitation and ventilation. It was determined through the investigation that the mother left the child unsupervised with access to drug paraphernalia. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the one other child in the home at the time of the incident were placed with a relative and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.

Mercer

1. A 21-month-old child nearly died on July 23, 2023, as a result of physical abuse. Mercer County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on September 21, 2023, naming the victim child’s father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child sustained a gunshot wound to the foot and ankle and emergency medical services were contacted. It was determined through the investigation that the unsecured firearm involved in the incident belonged to the father. As the result of the safety assessment completed the victim child and the five other children in the home at the time of the incident remained in the home and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the father had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.

Montgomery

1. A 2-year-old female child nearly died on June 12, 2023, as a result of physical abuse. Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth indicated the report on July 17, 2023, naming the victim child’s mother and mother’s paramour as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported that the victim child was taken to the emergency room due to the child vomiting. Medical testing revealed scattered circular bruising on the abdomen, petechial bruising on the jawline, linear bruises on the buttocks, and duodenal hematoma The injuries sustained were indicative of abuse. It was determined through the investigation that the mother's paramour caused the injuries sustained by the child and the mother allowed the paramour to care for the child despite the paramour not being allowed to be in a caregiving role. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed in foster care and services were provided. There were no other children in the home. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.

Northampton

1. A 17-month-old male child nearly died on June 11, 2023, as a result of serious physical neglect. Northampton County Children, Youth, and Familiesindicated the report on August 11, 2023, naming the victim child’s father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child became lethargic and unresponsive and the child was transported to the local hospital. A toxicology screening revealed the child was positive for an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that the father was the sole caregiver of the child at the time of the incident and did not provide a plausible explanation for how the child ingested the illegal substance. As a result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the two other children in the home at the time of the incident remained in the home and all contact with the father was supervised. The family received services. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Philadelphia

1. A 22-month-old female child nearly died on July 14, 2023, as a result of serious physicalneglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services founded the report on August 12, 2023, naming the victim’s child’s mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident,the victim child’s mother was arrested and upon the arrest the mother informed the police the child had been left alone; the police went to the family home and found the child malnourished and covered in feces. The child was transported to the local children’s hospital and presented unresponsive and underweight. It was determined through the investigation that the mother had left the child unsupervised for two days. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed in agency custody at a rehabilitation center and services were provided. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. At the time the report wasfounded,the mother had a disposition of criminal charges**.** The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
2. A 19-month-old male child nearly died on May 9, 2023, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on July 7, 2023, naming the victim child’s maternal aunt as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported that the victim child was found unresponsive and was transported to the local hospital. It was determined through the investigation that the maternal aunt was the sole caregiver of the child at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the five other children in the home at the time of the incident remained in the care of the mother and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the maternal aunt had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.
3. A 22-month-old male child nearly died on July 28, 2023, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on August 21, 2023, naming the victim child’s paternal grandmother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was found unresponsive with blue lips and emergency medical services were contacted. The child was transported to the local children’s hospital and Narcan was administered. A toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that the paternal grandmother was the sole caregiver of the child at the time of the ingestion. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child remained in the care of the mother and services were provided. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.
4. A 15-month-old male child nearly died on July 23, 2023, as a result of serious physical neglect.Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on August 28, 2023, naming the victim child’s mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found unresponsive, and emergency medical services were contacted. A toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for an illegal substance and Narcan was administered. It was determined through the investigation that the mother failed to properly supervise the child in the presence of the illegal substance. As the result of the safety assessment completed the victim child and the one other child in the home at the time of the incident were placed with the father and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
5. An 11-month-old male child nearly died on June 16, 2023, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on July 27, 2023, naming the victim child’s father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was found face down in the bathtub and emergency medical services were contacted. It was determined through the investigation that the father left the child unattended in the bathtub. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child remained in the care of the mother and no services were provided. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Somerset

1. A 9-year-old male child nearly died on June 4, 2023, as a result of physical abuse. Somerset County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on August 3, 2023, naming the victim child’s mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was transported to the local hospital due to a stomachache and the child appeared dazed and unable to maintain consciousness. A toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the father admitted to having the illegal substance in the home. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the two other children in the home at the time of the incident remained in the home and all contact with the mother and the father was supervised. The family received services. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Westmoreland

1. A 4-year-old male child nearly died on July 6, 2023, as a result of physical abuse and serious physical neglect. Westmoreland County Children's Bureau indicated the report on August 7, 2023, naming the victim child’s father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child sustained a gunshot wound to the head and was transported to the local pediatric hospital. It was determined through the investigation that the father left the loaded firearm accessible to the child. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the two other children in the home at the time of incident remained in the home and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.