

Fatalities

Allegheny

1. A 4-month-old female child died on November 12, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth, and Families indicated the case on January 12, 2018, naming the father as the perpetrator. On November 12, 2017, the father contacted emergency medical services due to the victim child being unresponsive. The victim child was transported to a local hospital where cardiopulmonary resuscitation was administered and unsuccessful; the victim child was pronounced dead. An autopsy was completed and it was determined that the victim child sustained the following injuries: a fractured left humerus, a brain bleed, a lacerated heart vessel and left kidney, multiple back, liver, and head contusions, a hemorrhage behind the eyes, and three posterior rib fractures. At the time of the incident the victim child's mother was at work. The father admitted to becoming angry and punching the victim child in the head, stomach, and back. There were no other children present in the home at the time of the incident. The father was arrested on November 13, 2017, and charged with criminal homicide, endangering the welfare of a child, and recklessly endangering another person. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for February 28, 2018. The case was not opened for services, given the only child of the parents died. The victim child's mother was previously known to child welfare as a subject child.
2. A 3-year-old female child died on June 14, 2015, as a result of physical abuse. Allegheny County Children Youth and Families (CYF) founded the case on April 19, 2018, naming the mother as the perpetrator. On June 14, 2015, the child was found unresponsive, in a wooded area not far from the maternal grandmother's home with an abrasion above her right eye and center forehead area and her teeth were clenched tight on her tongue. The child was pronounced dead on the same day. The cause of death was listed as suffocation. The mother was charged in the child's death and incarcerated. Allegheny County CYF filed the report as Pending Criminal Charges on August 16, 2015. On January 17, 2017, the mother was convicted of murder of the third degree, tampering with physical evidence, and abuse of a corpse and sentenced to a 20-40 years imprisonment. There were no other children in the home. There were no services provided due to the child being deceased and the mother being incarcerated. There was no prior involvement with this family. The victim child's mother was previously known to child welfare as a subject child.

Columbia

3. A 3-year-old female child died on November 28, 2017, due to physical abuse. Columbia County Children and Youth Services indicated the case on January 24, 2018, naming the mother's paramour as the perpetrator. On November 25, 2017, the mother left the victim child in the care of her paramour while she was at work. The mother stated that the victim child appeared to be fine when she left. Later that morning, the mother's paramour went to wake the victim child and found her unresponsive, so he put her in a cold bath. The child remained unresponsive. The mother's paramour attempted cardiopulmonary resuscitation without success and then contacted emergency medical services. The child was transported to a local hospital. The victim child presented at the local hospital with bruises on the left

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and right side of her head and the left lower rib cage. The victim child was transferred to a specialized children's hospital. It was determined the child had over 40 injuries on her body and bleeding in her brain and behind her eyes. On November 28, 2017, the victim child died. It was suspected that the mother's paramour caused the injuries to the victim child. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. After the victim child's death, the mother's paramour fled to Florida and a warrant for his arrest was issued. On December 15, 2017, the mother's paramour was arrested and brought back to Pennsylvania. He was charged with homicide and he is currently incarcerated awaiting trial. The family had no prior documented Pennsylvania child welfare involvement. In 2015, there was involvement with the Florida Children and Youth System due to allegations of substance use by the mother.

Dauphin

4. A 2-month-old male child died on November 26, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. Dauphin County Social Services for Children and Youth indicated the report on January 25, 2018, naming the mother as the perpetrator. On November 26, 2017, the mother and her two children were sleeping together on a sofa. When the mother awoke, she found the victim child not breathing. Emergency medical services were contacted and the victim child was transported to a local hospital. The victim child was pronounced dead upon arrival at the hospital due to cardiac arrest. An autopsy was performed on November 28, 2017, and determined the cause of death was complications due to asphyxia. It was determined that the mother caused the victim child's death by asphyxiation as a result of co-sleeping while under the influence of multiple substances, which was verified through a drug test administered to the mother. The mother and her two children were temporarily residing in a friend's home at the time of the incident. The victim child's older sibling was taken into protective custody by law enforcement the day of the incident. The sibling was placed in the emergency care of the maternal grandmother and the case was opened for ongoing services. The mother was allowed supervised visitation with her son. The agency provided ongoing services to address behavioral health and substance use for the mother, as well as to address housing concerns and reunification with her other son. The mother was arrested on April 5, 2018, and charged with involuntary manslaughter and endangering the welfare of a child. The mother was previously known to child welfare as a subject child. As an adult, the mother had involvement with children and youth services in Lancaster and Dauphin counties. Three general protective services (GPS) referrals were received between August and December of 2016 for transiency and substance use concerns. The first GPS report was screened out due to insufficient information. The second GPS report resulted in the family being opened for in-home services, however services were not provided due to the mother leaving the area. The third GPS report was screened out as it was determined the family was residing in Ohio.

Erie

5. An 11-month-old male child died on December 5, 2017, as a result of serious physical neglect. Erie County Office of Children, Youth and Families (ECOCYF) indicated the report on January 23, 2018, naming the father and the mother as

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the perpetrators. On December 5, 2017, the child was brought to the local hospital in critical condition. He was transferred via medical helicopter to a specialized pediatric hospital where he was pronounced brain dead on December 8, 2017, and later died on December 9, 2017. The child had been left in the bath tub by his father while he left the residence to go cash a check. The mother had just returned home from work and the father had neglected to tell the mother he had left the victim child in the bath tub when he left the residence. The mother did not check on either of the children while the father was not in the residence and the children were under her care. When the father returned 20 to 30 minutes later, he found the child face down in the tub with the water still running. The father attempted cardiopulmonary resuscitation while someone else in the home called emergency medical services. As a result of the investigation, a case was opened. The mother delivered another child on January 5, 2018. This child was taken into agency custody on January 8, 2018 and placed into foster care. That child and three of the mother's children were all found dependent on January 18, 2018 and the three older children were subsequently removed from the mother's home. ECOCYF is providing in-home services to the father of the older three children. Parenting services are being provided to the mother. The criminal case is still ongoing and to date no charges have been filed. ECOCYF had prior history with the family; three previous general protective service referrals being received between August 2015 and April 2017, due to the children being born exposed to marijuana and concerns for lack of supervision. All reports were determined to be valid. In August 2015 the parents declined services and the case was closed September 30, 2015. In December 2016, the case was closed at intake. In April 2017, early intervention services were suggested however it was unknown if the family followed through and the case was closed in June 2017.

Franklin

6. A 3-year-old female child died on January 6, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Franklin County Children and Youth Services (FCCYS) indicated the report on March 27, 2018, naming the mother and her paramour as the perpetrators. On January 4, 2018, the mother took the child to an urgent care center due to her being sick, but left after waiting for care for 10 minutes. The child remained ill. At 8:30 pm on January 6, 2018, the child was found unresponsive by her mother and the mother's paramour. Emergency medical services were contacted. The time of death for the child was noted as 11:00 pm on January 6, 2018. The responders noted the child's face was swollen with some discoloration and possible bruising to her cheek. The child also had discoloration to her lower back and legs. An autopsy was completed on January 9, 2018. The toxicology results from the autopsy determined that the child had drugs in her system that included Methamphetamine and Buprenorphine. The mother and her paramour were determined to be the only caregivers of the child at the time of the incident. During interviews with the mother and her paramour neither admitted to harming the child or having any knowledge of how the child had the identified drugs in her system. The victim child had one sibling brother who also resided in the home. An immediate safety assessment of the sibling was conducted on January 6, 2018, and the sibling was placed in the care of his maternal aunt and grandmother. On March 22, 2018, the mother and her paramour were arrested and charged with third degree murder, drug delivery resulting in death, involuntary manslaughter,

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possession of drug paraphernalia, as well as two counts of endangering the welfare of a child. Both the mother and her paramour are incarcerated. The family has prior involvement with FCCYS. Between November 2014 and July 2017 there were three general protective service (GPS) reports received alleging drug use, lack of supervision, and verbal and physical abuse towards the victim child by the mother. All three reports were determined to be invalidated and the cases closed.

Montgomery

7. A 4-year-old male child died on January 22, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Montgomery County Children and Youth indicated the case on March 14, 2018, naming the mother and her paramour as the perpetrators. On January 22, 2018, the police responded to a call and found the victim child laying outside of the home, unresponsive. The police transported the victim child to the local hospital unaccompanied by the mother or the paramour. The victim child presented at the local hospital unresponsive with bruising, swelling, lacerations, and burns. The victim child also had old injuries. The mother and victim child were visiting her paramour in Montgomery County. The victim child spilled his cereal which resulted in the victim child being beaten by both the mother and paramour. The child continued to be hit by both mother and paramour with their hands and a shoe throughout the day. The child urinated and was then put into a cold shower. The child yelled out and mother turned on the scalding hot water and burned the child's back. The paramour's children, ages 4 and 5, were present in the home at the time of the incident. The paramour's children were medically evaluated and assessed through the county's Children and Youth Advocacy Center. The children were not harmed and they were returned to their mother. The victim child's mother and her paramour were arrested for first degree murder and they are currently incarcerated. The mother was previously known to child welfare as a subject child. The victim child had no previous child welfare involvement.

Northumberland

8. A 10-year-old female died on November 26, 2017, as a result of medical neglect. Northumberland County Children and Youth Services (NCCYS) indicated the case on January 8, 2018, naming the mother as the perpetrator. On November 26, 2017, the victim child was brought to a local hospital by the mother unresponsive. The victim child had prior diagnosis of Nephrotic Syndrome; a condition that effects the kidneys due to a large amounts of protein being lost through urination. The victim child was diagnosed with this condition in 2014 and was prescribed medication for treatment. The prescriptions had not been filled since July 29, 2017. In addition, the victim child was not receiving medical care for the medical condition for several months. The treating physician in the emergency room determined that the victim child died from cardiopulmonary arrest and complications from the Nephrotic Syndrome. There were five siblings living in the home at the time of the incident. The family was accepted for ongoing services. The two youngest siblings were referred for early intervention services. All family members were referred for trauma therapy. All of the siblings received a medical and dental examination which resulted in two additional child protective services reports for dental neglect. There have been no criminal charges filed at this time. The family had prior involvement with NCCYS. In November 2010, NCCYS received

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a call from Juniata County Children and Youth reporting that the family had relocated to Northumberland County. The family had been open for services with Juniata County related to the mother being indicated for allowing the children around a sex offender. Northumberland County provided services and closed the case due to the perpetrator no longer living in the home and the mother completing services. Between October 2016 and June 2017, two general protective services referrals were received and validated related to lack of supervision of the victim child and a sibling, and a sibling being born with an illegal substance in his system. Both cases were closed at intake as the agency determined no further services were needed.

Philadelphia

9. A 9-month-old female child died on September 23, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services (PDHS) substantiated the case on February 2, 2018, naming the mother as the perpetrator. On December 11, 2017, DHS received a child protective services (CPS) report and a general protective services (GPS) report alleging the child's postmortem toxicology tests were positive for lethal levels of the narcotic Oxycodone. A GPS report was made immediately following the victim child's death in September, however, there were no suspicions at that time that the victim child's death had been a result of abuse or neglect. Following the receipt of the toxicology results the mother reported she was prescribed Oxycodone following automobile accidents in 2016 and 2017. The mother stated she stored the medication in the medicine cabinet in the bathroom and took the medication as needed. The only explanation provided by the mother for the ingestion was that a pill could have possibly fallen on the floor and the victim child, who was able to crawl, found it and swallowed it. At the time of the victim child's death, the four oldest of the remaining seven children in the family were receiving services through a Community Umbrella Agency. Two of the four children were in placement to address truancy and behavioral issues. Two others were receiving in-home safety services. The other children living in the home were determined to not have a need for services. PDHS created a plan to ensure the safety of the children for the duration of the investigation. No criminal charges have been filed. The family has a history of involvement with PDHS beginning with a GPS report in 2001 for failure to provide medical care that was determined to be invalid. The family had further involvement with PDHS from 2014 to 2017. During that time period a CPS report was received alleging physical abuse of one of the children in the family. The report was determined to be unfounded. Also, during that time period three GPS reports were received. One report involved concerns with a sibling's behavior in school which was screened out. A second report involving behavioral concerns of one of the children in the family was determined to be valid. The last GPS report was related to the victim child and the circumstances surrounding the child's death. The report was determined to be invalid. The family received case management services in the home from various PDHS provider agencies from 2014-2017 to address concerns identified in the reports.
10. A 4-day-old male child died on February 3, 2018, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the case on March 27, 2018, naming the mother and father as perpetrators. On the day of the incident, the victim child's father picked the victim child up for a feeding and

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noticed the victim child was having difficulty breathing. The father patted the victim child on the back to clear out the airway. The victim child became unresponsive and died in his father's arms. The victim child was delivered by the father who was assisted by the paternal grandmother. The victim child received no medical attention before the incident. The family practices a religion that does not believe in medical care. The parents notified the Pastor of their church of the victim child's death and was advised by the Pastor to call a funeral home. The funeral home personnel contacted the medical examiner who informed law enforcement and paramedics. Reports suggest the child had been deceased for an extended period of time prior to emergency services response. It was determined that the child died from an infection in the intestines which could have been treated by proper medical care. There were three siblings in the home other than the victim child. The children's ages were six, four and two years old. The County Children and Youth Agency found no safety threats upon assessment and allowed the children to remain in the home. The 6-year-old sibling's medical care was monitored by a medical professional for an irregular heartbeat during home visits. Law enforcement continues the criminal investigation. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Near Fatalities

Allegheny

1. A 1-month-old male child nearly died on November 19, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. Allegheny County Children, Youth and Families (CYF) indicated the report on January 17, 2018, naming the mother and father as the perpetrators. The victim child was brought to a local pediatric hospital on November 19, 2017, after the mother found blood in the victim child's vomit after a feeding. Upon examination, the victim child was found to have bucket handle fractures to both legs, an abrasion to the back of his throat, and bruises to his jaw and lower back. In addition to these injuries, the medical staff discovered two healing fractures to the victim child's legs. The parents were unable to provide plausible explanations about how these injuries occurred and physicians determined that these injuries were indicative of child abuse. The victim child was placed into kinship care upon discharge from the hospital. There were no other children in the household. Allegheny County CYF accepted the family for services, such as parenting classes, visit coaching, and substance abuse assessments. On March 8, 2018, the mother and father were each criminally charged with one count of felony endangering the welfare of a child. Their preliminary hearings were scheduled for July 10, 2018. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement. The victim child's father was previously known to child welfare as a subject child.
2. A 4-month-old male child nearly died on December 27, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth and Families (CYF) indicated the case on February 13, 2018, naming both parents as the perpetrators. Due to the victim child's fussiness and vomiting, he was transported to the hospital on December 27, 2017. The physicians determined the victim child sustained bilateral subdural hematomas and seizures with no explanation. On January 23, 2018, a determination was made of the presence of blood in different ages on the child's brain concluding the child was a victim of child abuse on multiple occasions. The victim child was diagnosed as having subdural and retinal

hemorrhages from trauma resulting in a diagnosis of abusive head trauma. The injuries resulted in seizures that required intubation and mechanical ventilation. The father was the primary caregiver at the time of the incident, as the mother was at work. There was ongoing domestic violence between the parents. The father had a reported history of being physically and verbally aggressive with the children which the mother knew. The mother continued to entrust the father with caring for the children in her absence. The victim child has an older brother, age 6 and an older sister, age 16 months. During a medical evaluation of the two siblings, a suspicious and unexplained injury was noted on the 16-month-old which was also investigated. The children's safety was ensured by the county by obtaining emergency custody of all three children. The children were found to be dependent children, but returned to the care of their mother at the adjudication hearing, against agency recommendation. The family was accepted for services to address the domestic violence and mental health of the mother. Allegheny County CYF is court ordered to have weekly visits with the family at their home. The father was arrested on January 30, 2018, and charged with aggravated assault and endangering the welfare of a child. A non-jury trial was scheduled to occur on July 24, 2018. He remains incarcerated at this time. Allegheny County CYF does have prior history with the family. A general protective services referral was received in February 2016 alleging substance use by the father and domestic violence in the home. The assessment outcome validated the concerns; however, the case was not accepted for services as the father left the home and there was no referral to community services.

3. A 3-week-old male child nearly died on February 5, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth, and Families (CYF) indicated the case on, March 27, 2018, naming the mother and father as the perpetrators. On February 06, 2018, the victim child exhibited signs of being lethargic and had difficulty feeding. The victim child was transported by emergency medical services to the local specialized pediatric hospital with numerous injuries: bilateral subdural hemorrhages; acute fractures of the right clavicle and left fifth rib; bruising to the right ear, right shoulder, right clavicle, right forearm, left forearm, right thumb, left ring finger, and left elbow; Petechiae under right eye; swelling/bruising to upper lip; possible occipital skull fracture; retinal hemorrhages and a torn frenulum. The physician stated that the injuries were indicative of physical abuse. The physician reported the retinal hemorrhages sustained by the victim child were the result of non-accidental trauma. Both the mother and father admitted to being the only caretakers for the victim child. On February 26, 2018, law enforcement informed Allegheny County CYF that the father had left a telephone message, accepting full responsibility for the injuries to the victim child. The mother witnessed the abuse and did not stop the behavior. A dependency petition was filed and on April 6, 2018, and the victim child was adjudicated dependent and ordered to remain in the care of the maternal grandmother and grandfather with liberal supervised visits for parents. The victim child's half-sister also resides in the home of the maternal grandparents. On April 9, 2018, the father was criminally charged with aggravated assault, endangering the welfare of a child, simple assault and recklessly endangering another person. He remains incarcerated and his preliminary hearing was scheduled for May 15, 2018. The family was active with the county at the time of the near fatality report due to mother testing positive for marijuana at the time of the child's birth. The

victim child's mother was previously known to child welfare as a subject child.

Berks

4. An 8-month-old male child nearly died on January 24, 2018, as a result of serious physical neglect. Berks County Children and Youth Services (BCCYS) indicated the report on March 13, 2018, naming the mother and father as the perpetrators. On January 24, 2018, the victim child was brought to the emergency room (ER) after throwing up for 12 hours. The mother reported that she contacted the pediatrician, and was told not to bring the child to the ER because he could get influenza. She eventually took him to the ER because she felt that he needed to be seen. The victim child was taken to a local hospital and then flown and admitted to a specialized hospital. The victim child presented at the hospital emaciated. The victim child reportedly weighed 8.8 pounds. The victim child has hypothyroidism and had not been receiving his medication. It was reported that several medical appointments had been missed. The victim child has two siblings that were residing with the maternal grandparents in North Carolina where they remain. BCCYS ensured their safety. The victim child has received foster care and case management services as a result of the investigation. The family was offered services, but they opted to sign consents to have their rights to the victim child terminated. No criminal charges have been filed regarding this incident. The family was previously known to the agency through a referral received in August 2017 requesting a courtesy interview which was closed in September 2017.

Cambria

5. A 3-month-old female child nearly died on November 11, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. Cambria County Children and Youth Services (CCCYS) founded the case on February 12, 2018 naming the perpetrator as unknown. The mother's paramour went to check on the victim child and found her limp and not breathing normally. The mother then went into the victim child's room and discovered that the child was vomiting. The victim child was transported to a local hospital. The victim child was diagnosed with three skull fractures, a fracture of the right temporal bone, and hemorrhaging on the frontal lobe of the brain as well as areas of an old bleed. Due to the victim child's injuries she was transferred to a specialized pediatric hospital. Further examination at the specialized pediatric hospital revealed injuries indicative of abusive head trauma. The victim child was discharged from the hospital on November 15, 2017, into the care of a family friend. CCCYS developed and implemented an immediate safety plan with the mother and the victim child's caregiver. The safety plan provided that the mother cannot have any unsupervised contact with the child. The victim child has one sibling residing in the household. CCCYS immediately ensured the safety of the child's sibling. The sibling had a physical exam which confirmed that she had no physical injuries. The sibling is in the care of the maternal aunt with a safety plan in place which provides that the mother will have no unsupervised contact with that child. CCCYS and local police conducted many interviews in an attempt to determine a perpetrator. The victim child's mother, her sister, and paramour, who were all household members, denied harming the child in any manner. CCCYS opened the family for ongoing services effective January 10, 2018; supportive services include case management, in-home counseling, and parenting education.

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The family has prior history with CCCYS. Between April 2014 and August 2015, CCCYS received two general protective services referrals regarding substance use of the mother. A drug screen was completed for each referral and returned negative for illegal substances both times; the referrals were screened out. The victim child's mother was previously known to child welfare as a subject child.

Clearfield

6. A 4-month-old female child nearly died on January 30, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Clearfield County Children Youth Services (CCCYS) indicated the report on March 29, 2018, naming the father and mother as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child's father called emergency medical services (EMS) due to the child being limp and unresponsive. The father met EMS outside with the victim child and refused to let them in the home. The victim child was transported via ambulance to the local hospital. The father did not accompany the child, but rather picked up the mother at work. The victim child was then transferred to regional pediatric hospital via medical helicopter; both parents refused to go with the child. The physician indicated that the injury sustained by the child was indicative of abuse. The victim child was diagnosed with a subdural hematoma. The injury sustained would have occurred while the father was caring for the child. Neither parent could explain the injury. The mother reported in the past the victim child had injuries, however, she never addressed these with the father. The mother admitted to aggressively shaking the child herself. There were no other children in the home. The child was placed through a voluntary arrangement with her grandparents where she remains. Early intervention services are in the home and are assessing the victim child. CCCYS opened the family for ongoing services. At this time, there have been no criminal charges filed, however there continues to be an ongoing criminal investigation. The family has prior involvement with child welfare. A general protective services report was received in January 2018 prior to the near fatality incident alleging parental substance use. During an unannounced home visit on January 25, 2018, the caseworker observed that the parents did not appear to be under the influence of any substances and interacted with the child appropriately. The child was assessed to be safe and a referral was made to early head start at the parent's request.

Delaware

7. A 2-month-old female child nearly died on November 14, 2017, as a result of serious physical neglect. Delaware County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on January 11, 2018, naming the mother and father as the perpetrators. On November 14, 2017, the victim child was involved in a domestic violence incident between the parents, in which the parents were fighting while holding the child. One of the parents dropped the child onto cement steps. A bystander witnessed the incident and contacted local police. The victim child was transported via emergency medical services to a local hospital. It was determined that the victim child sustained a brain injury from the fall. The victim child has two siblings. The oldest sibling has lived with a maternal cousin since 2013. The victim child and the other sibling were in foster care as a result of this incident, however, they are now with their mother. The mother is supervised by family members during the day as a part of the safety plan. The victim child has received in-home

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services and the mother is receiving mental health treatment. The father has been charged with aggravated assault, simple assault, recklessly endangering another person, and endangering the welfare of a child as a result of this investigation. Criminal charges were not filed against the mother. The family was previously known to the agency. In August 2013 a child protective services report was received for the oldest sibling in regards to an inadequate caregiver due to the mother's incarceration. The case was closed as the family was not in need of services; custody of the child was given to the maternal aunt.

Lehigh

8. A 17-year-old female child nearly died on November 5, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. Lehigh County Office of Children and Youth Services (LCOCYS) indicated the report on January 4, 2018, naming the mother's paramour as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, a domestic dispute occurred between the mother and the mother's paramour. The mother's paramour shot the mother five times which resulted in the mother's death. The victim child was struck by one of the bullets. The victim child was transported to a local hospital and admitted. She remained in the hospital for approximately 10 days. She was discharged from the hospital and placed with her biological father on November 16, 2017. There were two siblings present at the time of the incident; they immediately went into the care of their biological father. The agency closed the case in January 2018, having no concerns about the current care of the children with their biological father, and having had offered services to the victim child and her family which were declined. The mother's paramour was charged with criminal homicide, criminal attempt – criminal homicide, and aggravated assault. The mother's paramour is currently incarcerated and the trial was scheduled for May 7, 2018. The family was previously involved with LCOCYS. There were seven incidents of prior involvement with the county agency between 1999 and 2015. The reports were general protective services referrals and closed within the sixty-day assessment period with the exception of one. That referral was open for a four month period in late 2007 through early 2008. Allegations included supervision issues, truancy, housing issues, caregiver concerns, and inappropriate discipline.
9. A 16-year-old female child nearly died on January 17, 2018, as a result of serious physical neglect. Lehigh County Office of Children and Youth Services indicated the case on March 16, 2018, naming the mother as the perpetrator. On January 17, 2018, at 12:30 AM the victim child fell out of her bed. She was suspected to have ingested an unknown quantity of melatonin pills and sustained a head injury. The biological mother waited until 9:00 AM to contact emergency medical services to have the victim child transported to a local medical facility where she presented unconscious and required intubation. It was determined that the victim child ingested her grandmother's prescribed medication, Duproprian. The certifying physician determined that the delay in securing medical attention placed the victim child in further jeopardy. The victim child remained in serious condition until January 19, 2018, when she was transferred to an inpatient psychiatric facility for further assessment and evaluation until February 6, 2018. Ongoing behavioral services were recommended. The victim child resides in the home with three other siblings, a sister age 17, a sister age 11, and a half-sister age 6. A safety assessment of the other children in the home was conducted and it was determined that the siblings were safe within the family residence as there was a

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maternal grandmother residing within the home. There were no criminal charges filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

10. A 1-month-old male child nearly died on November 7, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. The Lehigh County Office of Children and Youth Services indicated this case on January 5, 2018, naming an unrelated adult babysitter as the perpetrator. The victim child had been taken by his mother to a local hospital due to the victim child having difficulty feeding. It was found that the victim child had life threatening head injuries which included subdural, gyriiform, and petechial subarachnoid hemorrhages that the medical provider determined to be non-accidental. The victim child was transported to a specialized pediatric hospital where he received treatment for the severe injuries. The alleged perpetrator, the paramour of the mother's cousin, admitted to law enforcement that he slammed the victim child down on an ottoman and then witnessed the victim child passing out. There were no other children in the home. The mother and victim child moved to Monroe County. Monroe County Children and Youth Services is providing general protective services to support the mother in addressing the victim child's ongoing medical issues. The perpetrator was arrested and charged with two felony counts of aggravated assault and he remains incarcerated pending trial. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Mifflin

11. A 1-month-old female child nearly died on December 2, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. Mifflin County Children and Youth Services (MCCYS) indicated the case on January 31, 2018, naming the mother as the perpetrator. The victim child was taken to the local hospital on December 2, 2017, by the parents after the father returned home from working an overnight shift and bruising was noticed on the victim child's face. Tests completed at the local hospital showed that the child had a significant skull fracture with some swelling and bruising on the right side of her forehead and cheek. Additional bruising was also noted on her cheeks and legs. The victim child was transported to a specialized hospital for treatment and observation. She remained in the hospital until she was released to her father's care on December 4, 2017. The victim child had a full skeletal scan completed two weeks after the incident which showed that she also had a healing bucket handle fracture to her right tibia which was also determined to be indicative of abuse. Information gathered during the investigation indicated that the mother had been the sole individual caring for the victim child during the time of the alleged incident. She provided inconsistent accounts regarding what may have caused the victim child's injuries and denied that she had injured the victim child. The victim child's father filed for emergency custody of the victim child on December 5, 2017, and his petition was granted. At the custody hearing on December 20, 2017, the father was granted full custody of the victim child and it was ordered that her mother have no contact with the victim child. There were no other children in the home. The mother has been charged with aggravated assault, neglect of care, endangering the welfare of a child, and simple assault. She is currently incarcerated and is awaiting trial. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Monroe

12. A 3-month-old male child nearly died on December 7, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. Monroe County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on January 11, 2018, naming father as the perpetrator. On December 7, 2017, the victim child was taken to the emergency room (ER) due to having bloody stool. Upon examination, it was determined that the victim child had multiple fractures of the legs and ribs as well as blood in his lungs. The mother reported that she works from 8:30 AM to 9:30 PM. The victim child's father is the primary caretaker. The mother reported that she never noticed any physical injuries to the victim child. The mother did acknowledge a history of domestic violence. The father was interviewed by law enforcement. He admitted to handling the victim child roughly and reported that he may have accidentally caused the injuries. At the time of the incident, a 14-year-old maternal uncle and 3-year-old maternal half-sibling were also living in the home. The maternal uncle remains in the home with his mother, the maternal grandmother. The maternal half-sibling is in the care of his father who has filed for custody of the child. The victim child is currently in foster care. The case was opened for services with the agency. The victim child was referred for early intervention services. The mother has supervised visitation weekly at the agency. The mother was referred for counseling and parenting services. The father was charged with aggravated assault, simple assault, and endangering the welfare of a child. He is currently incarcerated and awaiting trial. The family was known to the agency. A child protective services report was received in October 2017 stating that the victim child was being treated at the ER for a spiral fracture with the report ultimately being unfounded and the case was closed. In June 2016, the agency completed a general protective services referral in response to a report alleging parental drug use and inadequate supervision. The allegations were determined to be invalid and the case was closed. The victim child's mother and father were previously known to child welfare as a subject children.

Northampton

13. A 3-week-old male child nearly died on December 22, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. Northampton County Division of Youth and Family Services substantiated the case on February 1, 2018, naming the mother and father as the perpetrators. On December 22, 2017, the victim child's mother contacted emergency medical services when the victim child appeared grayish in color and was lethargic; the child was transported to the hospital. The victim child presented at the hospital with an altered mental status, hypothermia, and hypoglycemia. The victim child tested positive for heroin and Naloxone was administered. The parents were the caregivers at the time of the incident. The parents have a history of substance use. The victim child was discharged on an in-home safety plan with the maternal grandmother as the primary caretaker. The family resides with the maternal grandmother and maternal uncle who is 16-years-old. The maternal uncle was found to be safe in the home in the care of his mother. The case was accepted and opened for services. The agency has filed a petition for court ordered placement and services. A criminal investigation is still pending. The family was previously known to child welfare. A general protective services referral was received for concerns of maternal substance use on November 3, 2017, while the mother was pregnant. The agency completed an assessment and determined the mother was compliant with her state parole, drug screens, and drug and alcohol treatment. The

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report was validated and closed January 22, 2018, citing family and community supports.

14. An 11-year-old female child nearly died on January 26, 2018, as a result of serious physical neglect. Northampton County Children, Youth and Families Division (NCCYFD) substantiated the case on March 13, 2018, naming the mother and father as the perpetrators. The victim child is diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. On January 26, 2018, the victim child stayed home from school due to a possible stomach virus. The child was left in the care of her 16-year-old sibling brother. The sibling was in contact with the victim child's mother throughout the day regarding the victim child's blood levels. After lunch the brother found the victim child breathing heavily. The father returned home and took the victim child to the hospital. The victim child presented at the local hospital in a diabetic coma and subsequently was transferred to another hospital. It was determined that that family had substantial training and education yet failed to fully monitor the victim's child's medical condition. The perpetrators admitted the medication was administered inconsistently. The agency implemented a safety plan upon the victim child's discharge. The victim child returned home under the stipulation that the victim child would not be supervised by a minor child and would receive in-home nursing five times per week. There are two other children in the home, a sister age 13 and a brother age 16. Both children were assessed and determined to be safe in the home. The case is currently under criminal investigation and no charges have been filed at this time. The family has been opened for services with NCCYFD. The agency will continue to provide in-home nursing services and monitor compliance with the victim child's medical condition. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement

Philadelphia

15. A 3-week-old female child nearly died on November 21, 2017, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on January 17, 2018, naming the mother as the perpetrator. The victim child was born with a birth weight of 6 pounds 3 ounces. On each subsequent well child visit in November the victim child was below birth weight or with negligible weight gain. The victim child was admitted to the hospital on November 21, 2017, and diagnosed as failure to thrive. The mother was given proper feeding instructions at each well visit but admitted to incorrectly mixing the formula. The victim child gained significant weight while in the hospital which continued once placed in out-of-home care where she remains. The victim child's 22-month-old maternal cousin that resided in the home was also hospitalized with respiratory issues based on a safety assessment that was completed. The victim child's 5-year-old twin maternal uncles were also residing in the home. They were placed in the home of the maternal great grandmother as a safety precaution and the maternal cousin was also placed there upon discharge from the hospital. The status of the criminal investigation is ongoing at this time. Services that are being provided include case management services, behavioral health services, parenting education, and transportation services. The child's teen mother was previously known to child welfare as a subject child on general protective services (GPS) reports alleging concerns related to supervision and truancy in January 2016 and October 2017. The family was accepted for services in November 2017. Another GPS report was

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- received in November 2017 alleging parent/child conflict between the victim child's mother, grandmother, and aunt. The report was validated. A separate GPS report was received in November 2017 regarding the victim child and unsuitable housing. This report was subsequently validated for inadequate shelter in February 2018.
16. A 17-month-old female child nearly died on November 27, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the case on January 4, 2018, naming the mother's paramour as the perpetrator. On the day of the incident the mother's paramour was babysitting the victim child while the mother worked. He put the victim child in the bathtub and then left the victim child unattended to go to the kitchen. He returned to the tub amid screams from the child and found the victim child sitting in rising hot water. He then called the victim child's mother who returned home to check on her child. Upon seeing the child, the mother immediately called an ambulance to transport the child to the hospital. The child suffered bilateral first and second-degree burns on her lower extremities, which included her feet, lower legs, and thigh area that constituted 24% of her body. The child was transferred to a nearby hospital for more specialized treatment in the pediatric burn unit. There were two other children in the home; the paramour's child and a younger half-sibling. They were placed with relatives as a part of the safety plan. The victim child and the half-sibling were returned to the mother, and in-home services are being provided. The paramour's child remains in the care of a relative. The perpetrator was arrested for endangering the welfare of a child, recklessly endangering another person, simple and aggravated assault. He is awaiting trial. The mother, victim child, and sibling were not known to child welfare. The perpetrator and his child were involved with a valid general protective services report, which occurred in October 2008, for failure to provide food and shelter.
 17. A 4-year-old male child nearly died on January 31, 2018, as a result of serious physical neglect. The Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on March 23, 2018, naming the mother as the perpetrator. The mother took the victim child to the emergency room after finding the victim child unresponsive. Medical officials found that the victim child had oxycodone in his system. The agency determined that the victim child had taken the substance at an undetermined time and suffered from prolonged lack of oxygen to the brain. The victim child is currently in a rehabilitation facility. The mother was the sole caregiver during the time of the incident. There is a maternal uncle that resides in the home under the maternal grandmother's supervision. Community based in-home services were provided to the family to ensure safety and to monitor and work with the family. There have been no criminal charges filed. The victim child's mother was previously known to child welfare as a subject child.
 18. A 9-month-old male child nearly died on December 17, 2017, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia County Department of Human Services indicated the case on January 17, 2018, naming the mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident the mother found the child unresponsive and contacted emergency medical services. The victim child ingested Heroin and Fentanyl that the mother believes the child had access to in the maternal uncle's bedroom. The victim child was given Narcan and transported to the local hospital. Once the victim child was stabilized he was airlifted to specialized pediatric hospital. The child remained in the hospital for observation and released on December 16, 2017. There were two siblings present at the time of the incident. The victim child and one sibling were placed with the maternal grandmother and later placed in foster care. The third

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sibling resides with his father. Referrals were made for the mother to attend substance use treatment and continue her methadone treatment. There is no police involvement. The family has prior involvement with Bucks County Children and Youth. Between April 2007 and July 2017 the family had five general protective services reports related to substance use. The April 2007 case was closed when the mother reported she was expecting and not using substances. In December 2007 the mother failed to participate in substance use treatment and custody of the child was given to the father; the case was closed in 2009. In May of 2015 a sibling was born exposed to substances and a safety plan was put in place that the maternal grandfather would reside in the home. In March of 2017 the victim child tested positive for Methadone. The mother had been clean and in substance use treatment for two years; the report was closed. In July of 2017 a report alleged the mother and father of the victim child and sibling were using drugs. They were found to not be using drugs and the referral was closed. The parents moved to Philadelphia in September 2017.

19. A 5-year-old female child nearly died on January 22, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the case on February 22, 2018, naming the legal guardian, two unrelated adults, and the mother as the perpetrators. On January 22, 2018, emergency medical services (EMS) arrived at the victim child's house as she was being held by a friend of the mother. The friend had performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation on the victim child due to the victim child being unresponsive. The victim child was presented to EMS naked. When EMS transported the victim child to a local specialized pediatric hospital she was breathing and had a pulse; however, she was unresponsive to painful stimuli. The victim child presented at the hospital with genital bruising and lacerations congruent with sexual assault and life threatening abusive injuries including head trauma, hematomas, and extensive bruising and lacerations to multiple parts of her body. The investigation determined that the adults in the home repeatedly physically and sexually abused the victim child. The victim child was medically cleared for discharge from the hospital and placed in a kinship care placement. Criminal charges have been filed; two of the perpetrators remain in custody awaiting trial. This family was not previously known to child welfare.
20. A 2-year-old female child nearly died on February 13, 2018, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services (PDHS) indicated the report on March 12, 2018, naming the mother as the perpetrator. The victim child consumed clonidine which is a medication prescribed to her sibling for a behavioral health condition. After the victim child ingested the pills, the mother immediately called emergency medical services and the victim child was transported to a local specialized children's hospital. The victim child was treated with Narcan. The mother admitted that she was aware that her 10-year-old son was not taking his medication properly and somehow discarding the pills, but she failed to search for hidden/misplaced medication to prevent access by the victim child. There were three siblings in the home; all of the children were allowed to remain in the home with a family friend moving into the family home to ensure the safety of all of the children. The victim child was returned to the home under a safety plan arrangement, which included in-home services and monitoring and additional family supports. There have been no criminal charges filed. The family was previously involved with PDHS. The family had five previous general protective service referrals between June 2006 and August 2017 due to a child acting out sexually, inappropriate discipline, abandonment, and lack of supervision. All were

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determined invalid except for the inappropriate discipline referral in January 2017 which was validated. The family had one child protective service referral in August 2014 due to lack of supervision which was indicated.

21. A 9-year-old female child nearly died on January 19, 2018, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia County Department of Human Services (PDHS) indicated the report on January 19, 2018, naming the father and mother as the perpetrators. On the day of the incident the mother found the victim child unresponsive, called emergency medical services (EMS), and started cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). EMS responders arrived at the home and continued CPR and victim child was observed to have a pulse. The victim child was transported to a local specialized pediatric hospital after suffering what was determined to be a near fatal asthma attack. The victim child remained in the hospital for observation and treatment and was discharged on January 24, 2018. There was determined to be a failure of providing medical treatment/care to the victim child. The parents were aware of the severity of the victim child's medical condition and failed to take the victim child to seven medical appointments to see a specialist. The mother had also stopped giving the victim child a prescribed medication. The victim child has four siblings. An urgent petition was filed on January 31, 2018, and the siblings were removed from the home and placed with a kinship family. As the result of the investigation, the family is receiving functional family therapy, domestic violence services, individual therapy, and random drug and alcohol screenings. The parents have supervised visitation at the discretion of the kinship parents. The family has prior history with PDHS. A general protective services (GPS) report was received in October 2006 due to a 3-month-old sibling who was found to be unresponsive, then pronounced dead upon arriving to the local hospital. The cause of death was undetermined, cerebral anoxia. In March 2017, another GPS report was received and validated due to domestic violence between the parents. The family began receiving in-home safety services on March 23, 2017 and were receiving them at the time of the incident.
22. A 2-month-old female child nearly died on January 11, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on March 9, 2018, naming the mother's paramour as the perpetrator. The mother left the victim child in the care of her paramour while she went to work. Upon her return she noticed a red mark in the victim child's left eye and her head looked swollen. The victim child was rushed to a local specialized pediatric hospital for evaluation and treatment. The victim child had several computed tomography scans which determined the victim child had bilateral parietal skull fractures, bilateral subdural and subarachnoid bleeds, a grade two liver laceration, and multiple healing lung lacerations. It was determined that these injuries were caused by non-accidental trauma. The victim child was discharged from the hospital on January 20, 2018, and placed with maternal aunt. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. The alleged perpetrator was arrested on January 11, 2018, and he is currently incarcerated. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement

Venango

23. A 2-year-old male child nearly died on January 7, 2018, as a result of serious physical neglect. Venango County Children and Youth Services (VCCYS) indicated the case on February 9, 2018, naming the mother and father as the perpetrators.

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On January 7, 2018, the victim child was brought to a local hospital unresponsive. The victim child was described as lethargic, eyes rolling back into his head, and unable to be aroused. A toxicology report revealed the child tested positive for marijuana and nicotine. The victim child was flown to a specialized pediatric hospital where the victim child regained consciousness. Prior to being found unresponsive, the victim child was in the care of both parents. There was one other 2-month-old female child in the home at the time of the incident. Both children were placed in the care of the maternal grandmother through an agreed upon safety plan on January 8, 2018. On January 10, 2018, VCCYS obtained a court order to keep the children in the care of the maternal grandmother. On February 13, 2018, the children were returned to the care of their mother with VCCYS supervision, while the father continued to live outside of the home. The victim child is receiving early head start services. The mother is also receiving services for her post pregnancy transition. Criminal charges have not been filed in this case as it is still under investigation. The family was active with VCCYS at the time of the incident for substance use, domestic violence, and lack of supervision. Both parents were receiving various in home drug and alcohol services. VCCYS was in the process of implementing life coaching and independent living services for the mother to assist in her transition to adulthood.

Westmoreland

24. A 2-year-old female child nearly died on December 20, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. Westmoreland County Children's Bureau indicated the case on January 17, 2018, naming the mother's paramour as the perpetrator. On December 19, 2017, the mother took the victim child to a local pediatric hospital because she was vomiting and lethargic. The victim child was found to have numerous facial bruises, bilateral subdural hematomas, and a torn upper frenulum. The mother reported that on December 17, 2017, she received a call from her paramour stating that the victim child had fallen off the couch and hit the left side of her head on the floor. The mother also reported that the paramour stated the injury to the victim child's frenulum was from the victim child's 3-year-old sibling ripping a plastic dinosaur out of her mouth. The treating physician stated that the bruising on the victim child was not the result of a single incident and was not from the victim child falling off of a couch. The victim child's injuries were indicative of physical abuse. The perpetrator was the primary caretaker at the time of the incident. The victim child's 8-year-sibling was forensically interviewed and stated that the perpetrator spanked them while their mother was at work. The victim child and the two siblings remained in the care of the mother given the paramour left the home on December 21, 2017. On January 8, 2018, the mother was granted a Protection from Abuse order for three years against the paramour. The mother's paramour was charged with aggravated assault, endangering the welfare of a child, simple assault, and recklessly endangering another person. As of January 1, 2018, the mother's paramour has not been arrested as he has reportedly fled to another state. A warrant for his arrest has been issued. The family had several general protective services referrals with the agency between September 2016 and May 2017 for parental substance use, hygiene, and supervision concerns, but were not opened for services. The mother's paramour has had no known previous involvement with the agency.

York

25. A 14-month-old female child nearly died on December 26, 2017, due to physical abuse. York County Office of Children, Youth, and Families (OCYF) indicated the case on February 23, 2018, naming the father as the perpetrator. The mother indicated that she had been holding the victim child when the victim child went limp in her arms. The mother contacted emergency medical services. When the victim child arrived at the local hospital she presented unresponsive and had shallow respirations. The victim child tested positive for Fentanyl. The father believes that on the day of the incident he removed his sweatshirt and his cigarette pack containing fentanyl pills fell out of his pocket onto the floor. It is believed the victim child ingested 2-3 Fentanyl capsules. The victim child received three doses of Narcan at the local hospital, another dose while being transported to a specialty hospital, and another dose of Narcan upon her arrival at the specialty hospital. The victim child remained hospitalized from December 26, 2017 until December 28, 2017. She was discharged to her mother with an approved safety plan put into place by York OCYF. During an unannounced home visit on December 29, 2018, York OCYF learned that the mother broke the safety plan, and as a result, the agency obtained a verbal court order that day granting the agency legal and physical custody of the victim child and her sibling. No appropriate kinship resources were located so the children were placed in foster care where they remain. The agency has recommended the following services to the family for reunification: supervised visitation, parenting program, an intensive family services team, random drug testing, and cooperation with non-offending parenting program. The father is currently fleeing law enforcement with several warrants out for his arrest. He will be charged with endangering the welfare of a child. The family was previously involved with York OCYF. On December 6, 2017, a child protective services referral was received regarding physical abuse by the father towards the victim child's sibling. The report was unfounded on January 19, 2018.
26. A 10-month-old male child nearly died on January 9, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. York County Children and Youth (OCYF) indicated the case on March 9, 2018, naming the father as the perpetrator. The victim child was in the care of his father when the father woke up from a nap and found the victim child lying on his stomach in his crib not breathing. The father did not call emergency medical services but rather called a friend to transport them to the hospital. They arrived at the hospital over an hour after he found the child in the crib not breathing. The victim child presented at the hospital in profound respiratory failure and was close to full cardiac arrest. The victim child had symptoms consistent with an overdose and it was suspected that the victim child ingested something. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation was performed and two doses of Narcan were administered and the victim child became responsive. The toxicology reports were positive for Fentanyl. The victim child was kept overnight for observation and then discharged to his mother. Information gathered during the investigation indicated that the mother and father were not residing together at the time of the incident. The father was babysitting the victim child at the mother's home the day of the incident while the mother was at work due to the mother's regular babysitter not being available. The victim child has an eight-year-old sibling who resides in the home but was at school during the incident. The father admitted to a history of drug use and refused a drug test at the hospital. The victim child's mother agreed to a safety plan that the father would have no unsupervised contact with the children. York

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OCYF opened the family for services. The victim child's family relocated to Cumberland County and the victim child's mother indicated that the father will not be visiting with the children. There was no referral made to Cumberland County Children and Youth Services. The father's whereabouts were unknown during the investigation. There have been no criminal charges filed. The agency had previous involvement with the family. The agency received a referral involving the victim child's mother in 2008 related to a home study request for the victim child's 13-year-old maternal half sibling. In 2016 and 2017 York OCYF received a child protective services referral for serious physical neglect of the victim child's paternal half sibling. The 2016 report was indicated and the 2017 report was unfounded. The family was accepted for services for both referrals and subsequently closed.