

Fatalities

Bucks

1. A 14-year-old female child died on April 2, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Bucks County Children and Youth (BCCY) indicated the case on May 11, 2018, naming the victim child's cousin as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the mother found the victim child in the family home partially unclothed and covered in blood. The victim child was unresponsive when brought to a local hospital and was subsequently transported to a specialized pediatric hospital. It was then determined that the victim child had suffered gunshot and stab wounds. Additionally, it was discovered that the victim child had been sexually assaulted. On April 2, 2018, the victim child succumbed to the injuries and was pronounced dead at the hospital. The injuries were determined to have been inflicted by her 20-year-old cousin who resided in the home. There were no other children living in the home at the time of the incident. On April 2, 2018, the cousin was arrested on weapons charges. At the time the report was indicated, the cousin was incarcerated and awaiting trial for murder charges. The family was previously known to BCCY. In November 2011, a general protective services referral was received regarding substance abuse. The victim child's mother and sibling tested negative for substances and the case was closed. The perpetrator was the subject of multiple reports to BCCY in 2004, 2006, 2010, and 2013 regarding behavioral health concerns.
2. A 20-month-old male child died on April 20, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Bucks County Children and Youth (BCCY) indicated the case on May 31, 2018, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On April 19, 2018, the mother dropped the victim child off at daycare; the mother reported the victim child had been behaving normally when he was dropped off. The father contacted the mother and requested to pick the victim child up from daycare. After the victim child was in the care of the father, the father contacted the mother and informed her that something was wrong with the child; the father claimed that the victim child was having asthma issues. The mother and father arranged to meet at a local pharmacy to pick up asthma medication for the victim child. The father then contacted the mother again to report he was instead taking the victim child to the hospital because the victim child was not breathing right and kept falling asleep. The victim child was unresponsive when he arrived at a local hospital with the father. The victim child was intubated due to respiratory failure and an examination of his brain showed multiple hematomas. The victim child was then flown to a specialized pediatric hospital where he underwent surgery to alleviate the pressure in his skull. It was reported that blood on the victim child's brain was new, indicative of a new injury. The ophthalmology exam indicated the victim child had too many hemorrhages to count and no chance of recovery. The victim child was the only child of the mother and father. The father has five other children but is not the primary caregiver. At the time this report was indicated by BCCY, the father's whereabouts were unknown, and the

criminal investigation was ongoing. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

3. A 2-year-old female child died on April 25, 2016, as a result of physical abuse. Bucks County Children and Youth Social Services Agency founded the case on June 14, 2018, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On April 24, 2016, a call was received by police from the victim child's home due to the victim child being unresponsive. The victim child was transported by ambulance to a local hospital emergency room where her heartbeat was stabilized but she was placed on a ventilator due to being in respiratory distress. The victim child was then transported via helicopter to a specialized pediatric hospital. The victim child was noted by medical professionals to have significant unexplained bruising to multiple parts of the body including the bridge of her nose, forehead, cheek, arm, back, and flank; the bruises appeared at different stages of healing. The victim child had significant brain injuries and emergency surgery was performed to relieve the pressure in her brain. The victim child went into cardiac arrest several times following the surgery. The victim child also suffered a spinal injury, retinal hemorrhage and a pancreatic hemorrhage described as a crushing injury. The injuries sustained by the victim child were caused by blunt force trauma, indicative of non-accidental injuries. The victim child succumbed to her injuries on April 25, 2016. The victim child's surviving siblings are five-year-old and one-year-old sisters. They each are in the custody of their fathers. The mother admitted to causing the fatal injuries to the victim child and was arrested and charged for the death of the victim child. The family was previously known to Butler County Children and Youth Agency in 2013 due to a general protective service report regarding unsanitary conditions of the home and drug use by both parents. Butler County Children & Youth Agency closed the referral after an assessment was completed and no ongoing services were provided.

Chester

4. A 5-month-old female child died on February 12, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Chester County Department of Children, Youth, and Families indicated the case on April 3, 2018, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On February 10, 2018, the victim child presented at the hospital in cardiac arrest. The victim child had suffered from injuries which were consistent with non-accidental abusive head trauma. On February 12, 2018, the victim child died at the hospital. At the time this report was indicated, the results of the autopsy were pending. Prior to the victim child's arrival at the hospital, she had been under the care and supervision of her father. On February 16, 2018, during an interview with the police, the father admitted to shaking and throwing the child. He was charged with murder of the first degree, murder of the third degree, criminal homicide, aggravated assault, endangering the welfare of a child-parent/guardian/other, and recklessly endangering another person. The mother and father do not have any other children. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Crawford

5. A 17-year-old female child died on February 11, 2018, as a result of serious physical neglect. Crawford County Children and Youth Services (CCCYS) indicated the case on April 13, 2018, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. The victim child was a resident in a residential placement facility at the time of the incident. On February 9, 2018, the victim child was permitted to leave the facility on a family home pass to visit her parents. During the home pass with the parents, the victim child began feeling ill with stomach pains. The victim child's health continued to decline into the afternoon of February 11, 2018. The parents did not transport the victim child to a hospital or seek medical attention, but instead returned her to the residential facility. The victim child began seizing during transport to the facility. Upon arrival at the residential facility, the victim child collapsed. Emergency medical services were called, and the victim child was transported to a local hospital where cardiopulmonary resuscitation was performed and Narcan was administered. The victim child was pronounced dead on February 11, 2018. The cause of death was determined to be from toxic levels of medications in the victim child's system. It was discovered that medications were not secured in the home although the parents had prior knowledge of the victim child's behavioral health history, including previous suicide attempts and suicidal ideations. There were two siblings in the home. No safety threats were identified for those two children and no services were rendered to the family. At the time this report was indicated, the investigation was still open with law enforcement and no criminal charges had been filed. The family had been previously involved with CCCYS. In 2017, CCCYS received a child protective services report alleging physical abuse of the victim child; the report was investigated and was unfounded.

Cumberland

6. An 18-month-old female child died on March 11, 2018, as a result of serious physical neglect. Cumberland County Children and Youth Services (CCCYS) indicated the case on May 7, 2018, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On March 11, 2018, emergency medical services (EMS) were called to the family home after the victim child was found unresponsive. The father reported falling asleep while the victim child was playing and watching television. The father reported that when he awoke, the victim child appeared to be sleeping on the floor in a weird position. Upon closer inspection, the father saw that the victim child had a lanyard around her neck, she was unresponsive, and her lips were blue. The father's sister contacted EMS while the father performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR); the father continued CPR until EMS arrived. The victim child has two older half-siblings who reside with their fathers and were deemed to be safe in their current homes. No criminal charges were filed regarding this incident. The father and the victim child have no prior child welfare involvement. The victim child's mother and half-siblings were previously known to CCCYS. In June 2014, a general protective services referral was received that the mother was using drugs and the children were not receiving needed medical care. The referral

was determined to be valid and the agency provided ongoing services to the family. In February 2015, the children were placed in the custody of their fathers and the case was closed.

Mifflin

7. A 7-month-old female child died on March 7, 2018, as a result of serious physical neglect. Mifflin County Children and Youth Services (MCCYS) indicated the case on May 3, 2018, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On March 7, 2018, emergency medical services (EMS) were called to the home of the victim child due to concerns that the child was in cardiac arrest. When EMS arrived, the victim child was found deceased and rigor mortis had already set in. There were three additional adults who resided in the home at the time of the victim child's death, all of whom reportedly assisted the mother with the care of her children. On the night of March 6, 2018, it was reported that the victim child had been put to bed with her sibling and was not checked on until the next afternoon when she was found unresponsive by two of the household members. It was reported the victim child was found face down in the crib with a blanket wrapped around her head. The victim child was then moved to the downstairs of the home and attempts were made to revive her while EMS was contacted. The mother admitted to the unauthorized use of prescription medication on the evening of March 6, 2018 to help her sleep. She reported being unaware of who had put the victim child to bed. The mother was further unable to identify who in the home she designated to care for and check on the children. The victim child has four siblings, two of which were in the home at the time of this incident. MCCYS enacted a safety plan on behalf of the children in the home that they would be cared for by grandparents and their mother would have no unsupervised contact. The other two half-siblings were visiting their father where they remained. At the time that this report was indicated, no criminal charges were filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Philadelphia

8. An 8-year-old male child died on May 1, 2018, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services (PDHS) indicated the case on May 1, 2018, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On March 31, 2018, the victim child was brought to the emergency room due to cardiac arrest secondary to an asthma attack while in the care of his father. The victim child was put on a ventilator and received blood pressure medication but later died as a result of his injuries. PDHS received a report alleging the mother and father did not have the victim child's asthma medications in the home. It was later discovered that the mother had not filled the victim child's prescriptions, nor had she taken him to specialist visits as recommended. The mother had primary physical and sole legal custody of the victim child. The victim child has one sibling for which a safety assessment was completed, and the sibling was found to be safe. PDHS offered the family voluntary in-home services as a result of the investigation.

At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges were filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Schuylkill

9. A 5-month-old male child died on June 2, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. Schuylkill County Children and Youth Services indicated the case on May 23, 2018, naming the victim child's babysitter as the perpetrator. On June 2, 2017, a call was placed to emergency medical services (EMS) due to the victim child having issues breathing. When EMS arrived, the victim child presented with a lump on the back of the head and was semi-responsive. The victim child suffered a hematoma of the scalp, multiple occipital skull fractures, fractures of the right posterior cranial fossa, intracranial injuries, subdural hematoma, subarachnoid hematoma, and brain shearing injuries. On June 2, 2017, the victim child was pronounced dead; medical professionals ruled the cause of death as blunt force trauma. At the time the report was indicated, the babysitter was charged with murder of the 3rd degree, voluntary manslaughter, involuntary manslaughter, aggravated assault, endangering the welfare of a child, recklessly endangering another person, and simple assault and was awaiting trial. The victim child has one sibling, who was found to be safe with the parents. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

10. A 22-day-old female child died on June 7, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Schuylkill County Children and Youth Services (SCCYS) indicated the case on June 21, 2018, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. The mother reported falling asleep on the sofa with the victim child and waking to find the victim child blue and no longer breathing. When police arrived at the family home, drug paraphernalia was discovered on the mother. The mother also tested positive for methamphetamine and heroin at the time of incident. At the time the report was indicated, a criminal investigation was pending. The victim child has five siblings who were placed in the care of the maternal grandmother on the date of the incident; the grandmother then became a formal kinship resource for the children. This family had prior involvement with SCCYS. The family had three prior general protective service referrals. In December 2014, a referral was received alleging truancy issues and drug and alcohol use by the parents; the case was closed at intake. In July 2015, another referral was made regarding the mother testing positive for drugs at a prenatal appointment for a sibling of the victim child. At that time, the family was accepted for services to address drug and alcohol use by the parents, parenting, behavioral health concerns, and housing issues; the family remained open for services until May 2017. The third referral occurred at the time of the victim child's birth; allegations included behavioral health concerns for the mother, as well as concerns that the mother had received no prenatal care and had a history of drug use. That referral was open at the time of the victim child's death.

Near Fatalities

Allegheny

1. A 10-month-old female child nearly died on April 27, 2018, as a result of serious physical neglect. Allegheny County Children, Youth and Families indicated the case on May 23, 2018, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On April 27, 2018, the victim child was taken to a local outpatient clinic where she presented as severely malnourished with dry skin, minimal subcutaneous fat, hair loss, and evidence of rickets. The victim child was then transported to the local hospital for evaluation where the treating physician diagnosed the victim child with severe malnutrition from lacking an appropriate caloric intake. An investigation determined that the parents were primary caregivers of the victim child. There are no other children in the home. Following this incident, the case was accepted for ongoing services and is monitored by a family services worker. A visiting nurse monitors the weight of the victim child and ensures that the victim child receives appropriate medical care. The parents receive parenting instruction, as well as substance use services. The victim child is recovering in the care of her parents and receives early intervention services. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
2. A 15-year-old female child nearly died on April 11, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Allegheny County Children, Youth, and Families (ACCYF) indicated the case on June 13, 2018, naming the victim child's mother's former paramour as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child contacted emergency medical services (EMS) due to sustaining a gunshot wound. The victim child was transported via EMS to a local hospital, where she underwent surgery for liver and diaphragm injuries and the removal of a damaged kidney. It was discovered that the mother's former paramour shot the victim child and killed the victim child's mother earlier that day. Police later located the perpetrator dead at his home of apparent suicide. There were no other children in the home. Criminal investigations were completed by both local police and the county homicide division; the criminal case was closed due to the perpetrator being deceased. The victim child has since been placed with her father. Referrals were made for the victim child to follow up with home health and rehabilitation services as well as trauma-based counseling. The ACCYF case has been closed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
3. A 12-month-old female child nearly died on March 14, 2016, as a result of serious physical neglect and physical abuse. Allegheny County Children, Youth and Families founded the case on May 22, 2018, naming the victim child's mother and mother's paramour as the perpetrators. On March 14, 2016, the victim child was transported to a local pediatric hospital and found to have multiple bruises in various stages of healing, as well as a bilateral acute subdural hematoma with a skull fracture. A skeletal survey revealed additional

fractures to the victim child's legs and ribs, all in various stages of healing. The mother was not able to provide a reasonable explanation for the injuries; the mother's paramour exercised his right to legal counsel and refused to provide a statement. The victim child has one sibling in the home; both children were placed with the maternal grandmother at the time of the investigation. On October 11, 2016, the victim child's mother plead guilty to endangering the welfare of a child and aggravated assault on a victim less than 13 and was sentenced to two to four years in prison; the mother's paramour plead guilty to recklessly endangering another person and was sentenced to two years of probation. The victim child was referred for early intervention services and physical health supports, and the mother was referred for behavioral health services. In February 2016, there were two prior referrals on the family. The first report alleged the mother refused to follow up with medical treatment for the victim child; this report was screened out after one contact. Two days after the first referral, a second report was received expressing concerns for bruising on the victim child; this report was also closed as a screen out after one contact. There were no services referred in response to either referral.

4. A 12-month-old female child nearly died on April 2, 2016, as a result of physical abuse. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth and Families founded the case on April 18, 2018, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On April 2, 2016, the mother and victim child spent the evening at a family friend's home; the victim child then appeared lethargic during the ride home. Once home, the victim child's father put her to bed while the mother left the residence due to a verbal dispute with the father. The father later called the mother to state that the victim child was screaming in her sleep, the mother returned home a few hours later and was unable to soothe the victim child. Emergency medical services were contacted, and the victim child was transported to a local pediatric hospital where she was intubated. The victim child tested positive for cocaine due to ingestion; it was determined the ingestion occurred while in the mother's care. There were no other children in the home. The mother was charged with endangering the welfare of children, plead guilty to the charges and was ordered to two years of probation. The father is caring for the child and receiving community supports; the mother is not permitted any unsupervised contact with the child. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Bucks

5. A 10-month-old female child nearly died on March 31, 2018, as a result of serious physical neglect. Bucks County Children and Youth Social Services Agency indicated the report on May 30, 2018, naming the victim child's maternal grandfather as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child's mother was preparing to bathe the victim child and placed the victim child on the floor of the bathroom as she prepared the water. As she picked the victim child up to place her in the bathtub, the victim child displayed seizure-like symptoms. The mother called emergency medical services, who transported the victim child to the local hospital. The victim child's urine tested positive for amphetamines, and she was subsequently transported to a specialized pediatric

hospital. It was determined that the child's maternal grandfather had used the bathroom just prior to the mother preparing to bathe the child; the grandfather has a history of using crystal methamphetamines. When investigated, the grandfather admitted to using methamphetamines in the bathroom and that he may have dropped some on the bathroom floor. It appeared that the victim child ingested what fell on the floor which resulted in her physical injury. The mother was pregnant at the time of the incident, but there no other children in the home. Both of the victim child's parents agreed that the perpetrator will have no future contact with their children. At the time the report was indicated, a criminal investigation was ongoing. Family support services were provided until the close of the case on June 7, 2018. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

6. A 7-year-old female child nearly died on March 24, 2018, as a result serious physical neglect. Bucks County Children and Youth indicated the case on April 23, 2018, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. The victim child and her family reside in Philadelphia but were attending a pool party in Bucks County on the date of the incident. The mother was aware that the victim child could not swim but permitted the victim child to enter the swimming pool without a flotation device. The victim child struggled to stay afloat but became submerged in the water for approximately six minutes while the mother was nearby on her cellphone; another child pulled the victim child from the swimming pool. At that time, the victim child's mother ran to the victim child and began cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The victim child was transported by ambulance to a local hospital where she was then transferred to a local children's hospital via helicopter. Upon arrival, the victim child was placed on a ventilator. The victim child had water in her lungs and swelling on her brain; the victim child was hospitalized for 16 days and then discharged. The victim child has one sibling; a safety plan was implemented for the family through Philadelphia County Department of Human Services (PDHS) on March 26, 2018. The safety plan requires the maternal grandmother, who resides in the home with the family, supervise contact between the parents and children. At the time the report was indicated, a criminal investigation was ongoing. The family was previously known with PDHS. On June 15, 2015, there was a general protective services report for housing and behavioral health concerns; the children were placed in December 2015 and reunified with mother in June 2016. The family was provided in-home services which were closed in October 2016.

Clarion

7. A 4-month-old male child nearly died on February 28, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Clarion County Children and Youth Services founded the case on April 18, 2018, naming the perpetrator as unknown. On the date of the incident, the victim child's mother transported him to a local hospital with concerns of his head's increasing circumference. The victim child was then transferred via ambulance to the regional pediatric hospital and admitted to the pediatric intensive care unit. The victim child was diagnosed with a large bilateral chronic subdural hematoma, biparietal skull fractures, and macular

and posterior pole hemorrhages in both eyes. According to the physician, the injuries were indicative of abusive head trauma. An investigation was unable to determine how the abuse occurred or who the perpetrator was. The victim child was discharged from the hospital to foster care and was later moved to a formal kinship care home. The victim child has three siblings who remained in the home; a 17-month-old sibling also received a full body scan and was found to be free of injury. The family has supervised visits twice a week and has been offered transportation and gas cards for travel to Pittsburgh for medical appointments. At the time the report was founded, the case was open with the agency and no criminal charges had been filed. The family was previously known to child welfare. In December 2015, there was a general protective services report received regarding substance use in the home; the report was determined to be invalid and that case was closed.

Lancaster

8. A 15-month-old female child nearly died on February 10, 2018, as a result of serious physical neglect. Lancaster County Children and Youth Agency (LCCYA) indicated the case on April 11, 2018, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On February 10, 2018, the victim child's mother called for emergency medical services (EMS) and began cardiopulmonary resuscitation when the victim child became unresponsive. The victim child was unresponsive when she arrived at the emergency room; the mother reported that the victim child had begun to display signs of choking and shortness of breath prior to contacting EMS. A toxicology screen completed by the hospital found that the victim child was positive for opiates. The child was then intubated and transported to a regional hospital. Drug paraphernalia was found in the home and the victim child's father admitted to the use of heroin in the home in the days leading up to the incident. It appeared that the victim child had ingested the heroin. The victim child has two siblings in the home for which LCCYA established a safety plan for placement with maternal relatives. The plan remained in effect throughout the assessment of the case and was lifted after the mother tested negative for substances; it was determined that the children would be safe in her care. The victim child was discharged from the hospital to her mother's care. At the time the report was indicated, the father had been arrested on child endangerment and drug charges and was incarcerated awaiting trial. LCCYA offered support services to the mother to aid in parenting and the maintenance of safe and stable housing. The family was previously known to LCCYA. In February 2014, a general protective services report was received regarding substance use; the report was deemed valid and services were provided. That case was closed in April 2014. In January 2018, a referral was received due to a sibling ingesting Visine. The mother sought appropriate medical services and no further concerns were reported regarding her care of the child; that referral was screened out by the agency.

Lehigh

9. A 14-month-old female child nearly died on February 23, 2018, as a result of serious physical neglect. Lehigh County Office of Children and Youth Services

(LCOCYS) indicated the case on April 19, 2018, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child could not be woken up and was taken to a local hospital where her bloodwork was positive for marijuana. The mother admitted to the possession of marijuana edibles and that this had been located in her purse where the victim child had access to it. On February 27, 2018, the victim child was stabilized and was discharged to the care of the maternal grandmother. The mother is required to have supervised contact with the child. There were no other children in the home. LCOCYS opened the family for services; the victim child attends the Safe Start Program while the mother receives behavioral health, parenting and case management services. At the time the case was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed in relation to the incident. The family was previously known to LCOCYS. In December 2016, a general protective services referral was received at the time of the victim child's birth due to the mother and child testing positive for marijuana. LCOCYS referred the family for diversionary services and the case was closed.

10. A 9-year-old male child nearly died on April 4, 2018, as a result of serious physical neglect. Lehigh County Office of Children and Youth Services (LCOCYS) indicated the case on June 14, 2018, naming an unknown residential staff member as the perpetrator. On April 4, 2018, the victim child resided in a residential facility where he was found pale with no pulse and his tracheostomy tube dislodged. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation was administered by the residential facility staff for about 10 minutes before spontaneous circulation returned. The victim child was then transported to a local medical facility by emergency medical services and admitted to the hospital due to suffering cardiac arrest. There was no clinical evidence found during admission to support an underlying heart problem to cause cardiac arrest. It was determined that the victim child was not being properly monitored at the facility. At the time the report was indicated, the police investigation was ongoing and no charges had been filed in relation to the incident. The victim child has one sibling who resides with the mother. LCOCYS assessed the safety of the sibling and found no issues in the mother's home. The family was previously known to child welfare. There were two previous general protective services referrals regarding the sibling. One referral was for alleged marijuana use by the mother and the other for inappropriate discipline by the sibling's father; both referrals were determined to be invalid.
11. An 8-month-old female child nearly died on March 8, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Lehigh County Office of Children and Youth Services (LCOCYS) indicated the case on May 4, 2018, naming the victim child's mother's paramour as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was transported to a local hospital by the mother, maternal grandmother, and mother's paramour after the victim child had begun to spit up blood and mucous. The child was found to have an esophageal perforation, bruising to her bilateral cheeks and left posterior ear lobe, cluster bruising to her abdomen, bite mark bruising to her left forearm, and bruising over her left palatine arch. The mother's paramour claimed that the child had choked on Gerber puffs while the mother was at work and that he had swiped the victim child's throat.

Medical professionals stated that it was highly unlikely the child could choke on a Gerber puff, as they easily dissolve in a child's mouth. In addition, the bruise on her palatine arch was consistent with forcible penetrating trauma. There was no explanation for the other injuries and medical professionals determined the injuries were consistent with abuse. The victim child was discharged to a rehabilitation facility due to continued issues swallowing and aspirating. The child was subsequently placed in foster care and participates in early intervention, physical therapy and is attending the Safe Start program. There were no other children in the home. At the time the report was indicated, there were no criminal charges filed in relation to the incident. The family was previously known to LCOCYS. The victim child's sibling had been removed from the home and subsequently adopted. In February 2018, a general protective services referral was received regarding the condition of the home and lack of supervision of the child. The case was opened and in-home services were being provided to the family at the time the incident occurred.

Luzerne

12. A 23-month-old male child nearly died on March 18, 2018, as a result of serious physical neglect. Luzerne County Children and Youth Services (LCCYS) indicated the case on May 11, 2018, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. The victim child was taken to a local emergency room by the father and paternal uncle, where the victim child presented with physical signs of an opiate ingestion. Narcan was administered and the victim child responded. The victim child tested positive for morphine/codeine. The father could not provide an explanation for the victim child's condition or positive drug test. The father was the sole caregiver of the victim child at the time of the incident. There were no other children in the household. LCCYS discussed services available to the victim child's mother, however, shortly after this incident, the mother and victim child relocated to another state. At the time the report was indicated, a criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Lycoming

13. A 2-year-old male child nearly died on May 9, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Lycoming County Children and Youth Services (LCCYS) indicated the case on June 29, 2018, naming the victim child's mother and mother's paramour as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the mother's paramour was in the kitchen of the home while the victim child was in the living room. The mother's paramour claimed to have heard a thud and found that the victim child appeared to have fallen. The mother's paramour called emergency medical services (EMS) because the child appeared disoriented. Once EMS arrived, the victim child was intubated due to agonal respirations. The victim child presented at the local hospital with fixed pupils, indicative of serious head injury; the victim child was also exhibiting signs of neurological problems. The victim child was then air lifted to a specialty hospital where he was placed into a medically induced coma and given a feeding tube. The victim child was determined to have extensive brain damage. At the time the report

was indicated, the victim child was still hospitalized at a separate specialty hospital and receiving rehabilitation services. There were no other children in the home. The victim child's mother and mother's paramour were charged with aggravated assault and endangering the welfare of a child. At the time the report was indicated, the perpetrators were both incarcerated and awaiting trial. The family was previously known to LCCYS. In 2017, a general protective services report was received alleging lack of food and inappropriate discipline of the victim child. The referral was screened out after contact was made with the family and the allegations were found to be false. In April 2018, a child protective services report was received alleging an eye injury to the victim child. A full bone scan was performed on the victim child at that time and no abuse was noted; that report was unfounded.

Northampton

14. A 2-year-old male child nearly died on March 25, 2018, as a result of serious physical neglect. Northampton County Children, Youth and Families Division (NCCYFD) indicated the case on May 17, 2018, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On March 25, 2018, the victim child was hospitalized following a seizure and required intubation and a ventilator. The victim child had been previously diagnosed with a seizure disorder that should have been managed by medication. During the investigation, the victim child's mother admitted to discontinuing his medication and not refilling his medication prescribed to be given during a seizure; the mother had not consulted with the victim child's physician regarding the decision to discontinue the treatment plan. The victim child has one sibling in the home. A safety plan was implemented requiring that the mother's contact with the victim child and the sibling be supervised at all times. Upon the victim child's discharge from the hospital, the family moved in with the maternal grandmother. On May 30, 2018, the mother was arrested and charged with a felony count of endangering the welfare of children and a misdemeanor of recklessly endangering another person; she remains incarcerated. Various services are being provided including in-home nursing services, behavioral health evaluations, parenting education and childcare services. The family was previously known the NCCYFD. In May 2017 and January 2018, two child protective services referrals were received alleging bodily injury; both were unfounded. Between April 2017 and January 2018, NCCYFD received several general protective services referrals alleging failure to provide medical care, unsanitary home conditions, inappropriate discipline and lack of supervision. The agency opened the family for services in January 2018 to address health care, housing, parenting and supervision. The case was open at the time the incident occurred.

Philadelphia

15. A 4-month-old female child nearly died on April 30, 2018, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the case on May 25, 2018, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child's mother found the victim child in bed

seizing and foaming at the mouth. Emergency medical services were called, and the victim child was transported to the hospital where she presented in cardiac arrest. The victim child was resuscitated, intubated, and admitted to the critical care unit with a very low sodium level and an infection. It was determined that the mother was providing the victim child with excessive amounts of water which led to the low sodium levels. The mother was the caregiver for the victim child at the time of the incident. The victim child has one sibling in the home; the sibling was placed in a foster home and provided case management services. On May 3, 2018, the victim child was released from the hospital and placed in a foster home and provided case management services. The mother is permitted supervised visits with the sibling; visitation with the victim child is suspended because the mother was determined to be a threat to the victim child. At the time the report was indicated, a criminal investigation was ongoing, and no charges had been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

16. A 1-year-old male child nearly died on March 10, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services (PDHS) indicated the case on April 15, 2018, naming the victim child's mother and mother's paramour as perpetrators. On March 10, 2018, the victim child was in the care of the mother's paramour, who reported that the victim child was having difficulty breathing and had bruising and swelling behind his ears. The mother's paramour stated that the victim child was lethargic, weak, and not acting like his normal self. The paramour's mother called emergency medical services and the victim child was transported to a local specialized pediatric hospital via ambulance. The victim child presented at the hospital with a bite mark on an ear and an inter-cranial hemorrhage. A computerized tomography scan revealed a subdural hematoma, indicative of non-accidental trauma; the victim child also had a healing fracture to his arm. The mother and her paramour both denied knowing the cause of the victim child's injuries. The victim child has two siblings in the home; the siblings were placed in the home of the mother's paramour's maternal grandmother as a part of the PDHS safety plan. At the time the report was indicated, the police investigation was ongoing. The family was previously known to PDHS. In February 2016, a general protective services (GPS) report was received alleging inappropriate discipline of the victim child's sibling by the paternal grandmother; the report was investigated and determined to be invalid. On February 24, 2016, a GPS referral was received which resulted in the victim child's siblings' placement in foster care due to housing concerns; the siblings were reunified with the mother in July 2016. In February 2017, a GPS report was received alleging concerns about mother's ability to care for the children due to her own health issues; the report was investigated and determined to be invalid. In May 2017, a child protective services report was received alleging that the victim child's sibling was injured after a visit with her father; the report was investigated and determined as unfounded.
17. A 4-month-old female child nearly died on February 19, 2018. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the case on April 11, 2018, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the

victim child's mother was out of the home and returned to observe bruising on the victim child's leg; the victim child's father appeared intoxicated at that time. The victim child's mother then took the victim child to the emergency room due to vomiting. The victim child presented at the hospital with bruising on both of her legs and left arm and a bite mark on her left shoulder. Medical tests were completed that revealed internal bleeding and swelling on the brain. Surgery was required, and drains were placed to release the swelling on the brain. The victim child was discharged from the hospital to mother's care; the mother and victim child are receiving in home services. There are no other children in the home. The victim child's father provided no explanation as to how the injuries occurred. Following the incident, the father was charged with aggravated assault and incarcerated. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

18. A 4-month-old female child nearly died on April 12, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. The Philadelphia Department of Human Services (PDHS) indicated the report on May 24, 2018, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On April 12, 2018, the victim child's mother brought the victim child to the emergency room of a local specialized pediatric hospital due to concerns that the victim child was lethargic and not eating. The victim child was examined and diagnosed with a bilateral fractured skull, a hypoxic injury to the brain, retinal and subdural hemorrhages and a broken arm. Medical findings revealed that the victim child's injuries were indicative of non-accidental trauma experienced over a period of time and for which medical treatment was not sought. The victim child's parents both denied causing or knowing how the injuries occurred. On April 18, 2018, an order of protective custody was obtained, and the child was placed in the legal and physical custody of the agency. The victim child has two siblings; a safety plan was enacted, and the siblings were placed with kin. Neither perpetrator is permitted visitation with any of the children. At the time the report was indicated, a police investigation was pending. The family was previously known to PDHS. In November 2016, a child protective services referral was received regarding one of the siblings having a broken femur; that report was indicated, and the family had been receiving services at the time of the incident.
19. A 3-month-old male child nearly died on April 9, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the case on May 25, 2018, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. The victim child was in the care of the father while the victim child's mother was at work. On the date of the incident, the victim child's mother received a phone call from the victim child's father stating that he and the victim child had fallen earlier that day and the victim child looked sick. When the victim child's mother returned home from work, she reported that the child looked "tired," which prompted her to immediately contact emergency medical services. The child was transported to a local specialized children's hospital where medical testing revealed skull and eye fractures, renal hemorrhaging, and brain trauma; the victim child also had a healed tibia fracture. The injuries sustained were indicative of Shaken Baby Syndrome. The father was arrested for aggravated assault, endangering the welfare of a child and other offenses. There were no other children in the

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home. The victim child was placed in the care of a family member and the mother is permitted supervised visits. The family is receiving medical foster care services. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

20. An 11-month-old female child nearly died on March 17, 2018, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the case on April 22, 2018, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was transported to the hospital via ambulance due to being unresponsive in respiratory distress with dilated pupils; she was administered two doses of Narcan. It was reported that the mother had relapsed three weeks prior to the incident with the victim child. The victim child has no siblings; the victim child was placed in kinship care with her paternal grandmother. At the time the report was indicated, a criminal investigation was ongoing. Case management and placement services are being provided, including early intervention, parenting education and substance use services. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
21. A 19-month-old female child nearly died on April 3, 2018, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services (PDHS) indicated the case on April 26, 2018, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. The victim child was brought into a pediatric hospital after having been found unresponsive by her parents. Medical testing revealed that the victim child had marijuana and cocaine in her system. The parents could not provide an explanation as to how the victim child could have ingested the substances, although, the father did admit to smoking marijuana in the home; both parents denied any other substance use. There were no other children in the home; an order of protective custody was obtained, and the victim child was placed with the paternal grandmother. A police report was completed on April 4, 2018. The family had not been previously known to child welfare; the father had been known to PDHS as a subject child.