

## **Fatalities**

### **Bucks**

- 1.) A 3-month-old male child died on January 7, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect. The Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth, and Families' Southeast Regional Office indicated the report on April 21, 2022, naming the victim child's mother, father, and maternal grandmother as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, emergency services responded to a call that the victim child was in cardiac arrest. The child was transported to the hospital and pronounced dead. Illegal substances and drug paraphernalia were found in the room when emergency services responded to the home. An autopsy revealed the cause of death was ingestion of an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that the maternal grandmother violated a safety plan in place which required visits with the child's mother and father to be supervised; the mother and the father were left unsupervised with the child in their home with an illegal substances and drug paraphernalia present. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the one other child in the home at the time of the incident was placed in kinship foster care and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.
- 2.) A 13-year-old male child died on May 6, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Bucks County Children and Youth Social Services Agency indicated the report on June 23, 2022, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child and a sibling died as the result of a gunshot wound. It was determined through the investigation that the mother shot the child and the child's sibling. There was one other child in the home at the time of the incident who also died as a result of this incident. The sibling was also the subject of a fatality report. There were no services provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
- 3.) A 9-year-old male child died on May 6, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Bucks County Children and Youth Social Services Agency indicated the report on June 23, 2022, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child and a sibling died as the result of a gunshot wound. It was determined through the investigation that the mother shot the child and the child's sibling. There was one other child in the home at the time of the incident who also died as a result of this incident. The sibling was also the subject of a fatality report. There were no services provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

### **Cambria**

- 4.) A 14-month-old female child died on April 1, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Cambria County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on May 20, 2022, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported a thud was heard, and the victim child was found by the mother not breathing and in cardiac arrest. Emergency services were contacted, and the child was transported to the local hospital and subsequently pronounced dead. An autopsy revealed the child died as a result of exsanguination and blunt force trauma and the death was ruled a homicide. It was determined through the investigation that the mother caused the death of the child.

There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.

### Chester

- 5.) A 4-year-old male child died on February 28, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect. Chester County Department of Human Services indicated the report on April 20, 2022, naming the victim child's brother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was found by a household member dead in the brother's room as the result of a gunshot wound and emergency services were contacted. It was determined through the investigation that the brother owned the firearm that was unsecured and accessible to the child. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the two other children in the home at the time of the incident remained in the care of the mother and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the brother had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement
- 6.) A 13-year-old male child died on April 22, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Chester County Department of Human Services indicated the report on May 31, 2022, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, a wellness check was completed at the family home and the victim child was found dead as well as the child's mother and father. The child died as the result of multiple gunshot wounds. It was determined through the investigation that the father shot and killed the mother and the child and then killed himself. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

### Dauphin

- 7.) A 2-month-old male child died on February 25, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Dauphin County Social Services for Children and Youth indicated the report on April 6, 2022, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found unresponsive, and the mother contacted emergency medical services. The child was pronounced dead, and it was determined the child had been deceased for several hours. An autopsy revealed the preliminary cause of death was determined to be asphyxiation. It was determined through the investigation that the mother was under the influence of illegal substances and alcohol at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the one other child in the home at the time of the incident was placed in kinship care and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.
- 8.) An 11-year-old male child died on April 5, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect. Dauphin County Social Services for Children and Youth indicated the report on June 3, 2022, naming the victim child's maternal uncle as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was found unresponsive in the home and emergency services were contacted; the child was transported to the hospital and was dead upon arrival. A toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that the maternal uncle admitted to using the illegal substance on the date of the incident. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident and the family received services. At the time the

report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.

#### Delaware

- 9.) A 4-year-old female child died on April 5, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect. Delaware County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on June 3, 2022, naming the victim child's father and a family friend as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child suffered a gunshot wound to the abdomen. The child died as a result of gunshot wound sustained. It was determined through the investigation, that while in the care of the father and the family friend the child was not properly secured in the car seat which left the child accessibility to the unsecured gun in the vehicle at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the three other children in the home at the time of the incident remained in the home and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.

#### Franklin

- 10.) A 6-day-old male child died on May 26, 2021, as a result of physical abuse. Franklin County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on May 5, 2022, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the mother fell asleep while feeding the victim child and the child became unresponsive. Emergency services were contacted, and the child was transported to the hospital and pronounced dead. The results of the autopsy were received in April 2022, which revealed the child died as a result of positional asphyxia. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the father were under the influence of illegal substances at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the one other child in the home at the time of the incident was placed in foster care and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother and the father had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.

#### Luzerne

- 11.) A 17-year-old female child died on December 30, 2021, as a result of physical abuse. Luzerne County Children and Youth Agency indicated the report on April 21, 2022, naming the victim child's mother and mother's paramour as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child died as the result of an illegal substance overdose. It was determined through the investigation, that the mother's paramour provided the illegal substances to the child and the mother was aware the child was using illegal substances and assisted in payment for the illegal substances. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the two other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed in kinship care and the other child in the home at the time of the incident was placed with their respective father. The family received services. At the time the report was indicated, the mother's paramour had been criminally charged and the mother's criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.

#### Lycoming

- 12.) A 5-year-old female child died on August 11, 2017, as a result of physical abuse. Lycoming County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on June 10, 2022,

naming the victim child's mother, the mother's paramour, and two other household members as the perpetrators. On November 7, 2021, it was reported the remains of the victim child and a sibling were found buried in the yard of the family home. It was determined through the investigation that the child died and was buried in the yard in August 2017; the mother's paramour starved and tortured the child, the mother admitted to being involved in the acts that led to the child's death, and the two other household members were aware the child was dead and buried in the yard. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the one other child in the home at the time of the incident was placed in foster care and the sibling in the home at the time of the incident also died as a result of the incident. The sibling was also the subject of a fatality report. The family received services. At the time the report was indicated, the mother, the mother's paramour, and the two other household members had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.

- 13.) A 6-year-old female child died on May, 10, 2016, as a result of serious physical abuse. Lycoming County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on May 19, 2022, naming the victim child's mother, the mother's paramour, and two other household members as the perpetrators. On November 7, 2021, it was reported the remains of the victim child and a sibling were found buried in the yard of the family home. It was determined through the investigation that the child died and was buried in the yard in May 2016; the mother's paramour starved and tortured the child, the mother admitted to being involved in the acts that led to the child's death, and the two other household members were aware the child was dead and buried in the yard. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the one other child in the home at the time of the incident was placed in foster care and the sibling in the home at the time of the incident also died as a result of the incident. The sibling was also the subject of a fatality report. The family received services. At the time the report was indicated, the mother, the mother's paramour, and the two other household members had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.

#### Montgomery

- 14.) A 1-month-old male child died on March 3, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth indicated the report on April 4, 2022, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the mother and the father brought the victim child to the hospital due to the child having a decreased appetite and appearing pale. The child presented at the hospital in cardiac arrest and cardiopulmonary resuscitation was initiated. Medical testing revealed a subdermal hemorrhaging of the brain and spine, retinal hemorrhaging, and fractures of the ribs, arm, and leg in various stages of healing. The child died as a result of the injuries sustained which were determined to be the result of non-accidental trauma. It was determined through the investigation that the father admitted to causing the injuries to the child and the mother was aware the father was causing the injuries to the child and did not intervene. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

#### Monroe

- 15.) A 3-month-old male child died on August 1, 2021, as a result of physical abuse. Monroe County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on May 10, 2022, naming the

victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was found unresponsive by the father and emergency medical services were contacted; the child was transported to the hospital and subsequently pronounced dead. An autopsy revealed the child died as a result of blunt force trauma to the head. It was determined through the investigation, that the father was the sole caregiver of the child at the time of the incident. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the father had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.

#### Northumberland

- 16.) A 4-year-old female child died on January 9, 2020, as a result of serious physical neglect. Northumberland County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on June 10, 2022, naming the victim child's mother, father, and an unrelated household member as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found by the mother and the father to have vomited and aspirated on the vomit and emergency services were contacted. The child was transported to the hospital and pronounced dead. A toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for a prescription medication and an over-the-counter medication. It was determined through the criminal investigation, that the mother, the father, and the unrelated household member were responsible for causing the death of child due to an overdose. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother, the father, and the male household member had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.

#### Philadelphia

- 17.) A 17-month-old female child died on March 6, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on April 28, 2022, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found unresponsive by the mother and was transported by emergency medical services to the local children's hospital where the child was pronounced dead. A toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that the mother was the sole caregiver of the child at the time of incident. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family was previously known to child welfare.
- 18.) A 9-month-old male child died on March 25, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on May 19, 2022, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child fell off of a bed to the floor and emergency services were contacted. The child was transported to the local children's hospital and presented with no pulse; cardiopulmonary resuscitation was performed, and the child was resuscitated but later died. Medical testing revealed several injuries including palpable scalp swelling, a right occipital skull fracture, intracranial bleeding, edema in the posterior fossa, and extensive hemorrhages. The injuries sustained were indicative of non-accidental trauma. It was determined through the investigation that the mother was the sole caregiver of the child at the time the injuries were sustained. As the result of the safety assessment completed, four other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed with relatives and the one other child in the home at the time of the incident

was placed with their respective father. The family received services. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.

- 19.) An 11-month-old male child died on March 13, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on April 26, 2022, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found unresponsive, and emergency medical services were contacted; the child was transported to the hospital and pronounced dead. A toxicology screening revealed the child ingested an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that the child died as a result of the illegal substance ingestion and the mother and the father admitted to using the illegal substance. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the two other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed with a relative and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother and the father had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.
- 20.) A 2-year-old male child died on February 17, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on April 14, 2022, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found unresponsive by the mother and the mother transported the child to the local hospital. The child arrived at the hospital and was pronounced dead. A toxicology screening revealed the child ingested an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the father were the sole caregivers of the child at the time of the incident. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
- 21.) A 13-year-old female died on February 19, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on April 22, 2022, naming the victim child's mother and an unrelated adult as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found unresponsive and emergency services were contacted. The child was transported to the hospital and pronounced dead. An autopsy revealed the child died as a result of inanition. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the unrelated adult were the sole caregivers of the child at the time of the incident and failed to seek medical attention for the child. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the two other children in home at the time of the incident were placed in kinship foster care and services were provided. At the time the report had been indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.

#### Schuylkill

- 22.) A 9-month-old male child died on August 22, 2021, as a result of serious physical neglect. Schuylkill County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on May 10, 2022, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child and the father were napping, the father awoke to find the child unresponsive, and emergency medical services were contacted. The child was transported to the local hospital and was pronounced dead. An autopsy revealed the child had ingested illegal substances at the time of the incident and died as a result of

asphyxiation. It was determined through the investigation that the father was under the influence of illegal substances and co-slept with the child at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the three other children in the home at the time of the incident remained in the care of the mother and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the father had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.

### Washington

- 23.) A 2-month-old male child died on May 24, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Washington County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on June 14, 2022, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child fell and emergency services were contacted due to the child not breathing and blood coming from the nose. The child was transported to the regional pediatric hospital. Medical testing revealed a midline shift of the brain and bilateral subdural hematomas. The child subsequently died as a result of the injuries sustained. It was determined through the investigation that the injuries sustained were indicative of abuse and the father's account of the incident was inconsistent with the injuries sustained. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the perpetrator had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.

### Westmoreland

- 24.) A 9-year-old male child died on May 4, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Westmoreland County Children's Bureau indicated the report on June 30, 2022, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child's mother contacted emergency services to report the child missing. The child was found at the mother's residence near a shed, wrapped in a blanket, and deceased due to strangulation. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the father were the sole caregivers of the child at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the three other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed in foster care and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.

### **Near Fatalities**

#### Allegheny

- 1.) A 11-month-old male child nearly died on March 22, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth and Families indicated the report on May 10, 2022, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found unresponsive by the mother and emergency medical services were contacted. The child was transported to the regional pediatric hospital and administered Naloxone which the child responded positively. A toxicology screening revealed the child ingested an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that the mother was the sole caregiver of the child at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the three other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed with a relative and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.

- 2.) A 3-year-old male child nearly died on April 1, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth, and Families indicated the report on May 5, 2022, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child and a sibling were stabbed with a knife by the mother and the child was found by the father who transported the child to a local emergency services station and the child was subsequently transported to the regional pediatric hospital. Medical testing revealed the child sustained arterial and vascular injuries. It was determined through the investigation that the mother admitted to stabbing the victim child and a sibling. The sibling was also the subject of a near fatality report. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child, sibling, and two other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed with a relative and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.
- 3.) A 7-year-old male child nearly died on April 1, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth, and Families indicated the report on May 5, 2022, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child and a sibling were stabbed with a knife by the mother and the child was found by the father who transported the child to a local emergency services station and the child was subsequently transported to the regional pediatric hospital. Medical testing revealed the child sustained arterial and vascular injuries. It was determined through the investigation that the mother admitted to stabbing the victim child and a sibling. The sibling was also the subject of a near fatality report. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child, sibling, and two other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed with a relative and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.
- 4.) A 2-year-old female child nearly died on April 10, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect and physical abuse. The Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth, and Families' Western Regional Office indicated the report on June 9, 2022, naming the paternal grandmother and an unknown perpetrator as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was found unresponsive and transported to the local regional pediatric hospital. A toxicology screening revealed the child was positive for an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that the paternal grandmother was the sole caregiver of the child at the time the illegal substance was ingested and did not provide appropriate supervision of the child; additionally, it could not be determined who provided the illegal substance therefore an unknown perpetrator was also named. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed in kinship care and the one other child in the home at the time of the incident was placed in the care of the respective father. The family received services. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.

#### Beaver

- 5.) A 2-year-old male child nearly died on March 27, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect. Beaver County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on May 24, 2022, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child ingested prescription medication and emergency medical services were contacted. It was determined through the investigation that the



mother and the father were not properly supervising the child when the prescription medicine was ingested and failed to properly secure the prescription medication. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the two other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed with relatives and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, there were no criminal charges filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

#### Chester

- 6.) A 1-month-old male child nearly died on February 1, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Chester County Department of Children, Youth and Families indicated the report on May 25, 2022, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On March 30, 2022, the victim child was brought to a local hospital by the mother due to reported fever, sleepiness, and fussiness. Medical testing revealed a subdural, subarachnoid hemorrhage, and multilayer retinal hemorrhages. The injuries were suspicious for inflicted injury. It was determined through the investigation that the mother admitted to causing the injuries sustained by the child dating back to February 1, 2022. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the mother and the father had no unsupervised contact with the child and the one other child in the home at the time of the incident and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior child welfare involvement.

#### Dauphin

- 7.) A 16-month-old male child nearly died on April 4, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect and physical abuse. Dauphin County Social Services for Children and Youth indicated the report on May 4, 2022, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was not acting normal and the mother transported the child to the local hospital. The child arrived at the hospital and was administered Narcan and responded positively. It was determined through the investigation that the mother left the child unsupervised, and the child ingested an illegal substance. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the one other child in the home at the time of the incident were placed with relatives and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the perpetrator had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.
- 8.) A 2-year-old female child nearly died on April 10, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Dauphin County Social Services for Children and Youth indicated the report on June 8, 2022, naming the victim child's mother's paramour as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported that the victim child's mother's paramour became frustrated with the child who was crying and hit the child and threw the child against the wall; the mother contacted emergency medical services and the child was transported to the local hospital. The child presented at the hospital with injuries to the forehead, bruises on the ear, swelling on the face and abdomen, and a liver contusion. It was determined through the investigation that the mother's paramour was witnessed causing the injuries sustained by the child. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the one other child in the home at the time of the incident were placed with a relative and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother's paramour had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

- 9.) A 3-year-old male child nearly died on March 25, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect. Dauphin County Social Services for Children and Youth indicated the report on May 5, 2022, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found unconscious by the mother and emergency services were contacted. The child was administered Narcan and responded positively. A toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that the mother was the sole caregiver for the child at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed in kinship care and services were provided. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. At the time the report was indicated, the mother had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.
- 10.) A 22-month-old male child nearly died on April 1, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect and physical abuse. Dauphin County Social Services for Children and Youth indicated the report on May 6, 2022, naming the victim child's father and father's paramour as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was not breathing therefore, the father and father's paramour administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation and contacted emergency services. The child was administered Narcan and responded positively. A toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for both illegal and legal substances. It was determined through the investigation that the father and the father's paramour were the sole caregivers of the child at the time the substances were ingested. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the one other child in the home at the time of the incident were placed in foster care and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.

#### Delaware

- 11.) A 4-month-old male child nearly died on May 9, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Delaware County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on June 30, 2022, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child rolled off of the bed, hit the carpeted floor, and began seizing; the father transported the child to the local hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, medical testing revealed that the child presented with intracranial bleeding and healing injuries to the head, eyes, and face area. The injuries sustained were suspected to be non-accidental trauma. It was determined through the investigation that the father was the sole caregiver of the child at the time of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed in the care of the mother and no services were provided. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

#### Franklin

- 12.) A 7-month-old female child nearly died on February 10, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect. Franklin County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on May 26, 2022, naming the victim child's mother and mother's paramour as the perpetrators. On April 22, 2022, the victim child was seen by the primary care physician and subsequently was hospitalized due to severe failure to thrive. Medical professionals could not determine a medical reason for the child's condition. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the mother's paramour were the sole caregivers of

the child at the time of the incident and were not providing the child adequate caloric intake dating back to February 10, 2022. As a result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed in foster care and the one other child in the home at the time of the incident remained in the home. There were no services provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother and the paramour had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.

### Indiana

- 13.) A 23-month-old male child nearly died on June 7, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect. Indiana County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on June 23, 2022, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was transported by the mother to the local emergency room and presented lethargic, breathing slowly, unresponsive, and pinpoint pupils. The child was administered Narcan and responded, and a toxicology screening revealed the child was positive for an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that the mother used the illegal substance and drug paraphernalia was found in the home. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the two other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed in kinship care and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.
- 14.) A 19-month-old male child nearly died on April 21, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Indiana County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on June 16, 2022, naming the victim child's mother's paramour as the perpetrator. On the date of incident, it was reported that a bookcase fell on the victim child and the child began vomiting and displaying unusual behavior; the child was transported to the local hospital by the mother. The child presented at the hospital with bruising to the forehead, chin, lumbar spine, and stomach, a hematoma to the right side of the forehead and the left occipital area, and an abrasion to the bridge of the nose. It was determined through the investigation that the explanation provided by the mother's paramour was not a plausible explanation for the injuries sustained. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the two other children in the home at the time of the incident remained in the care of the mother with supervision provided by relatives. At the time the report was indicated, the mother's paramour had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.

### Lebanon

- 15.) A 3-week-old male child nearly died on May 6, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Lebanon County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on June 15, 2022, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was transported to the local hospital by the father and the mother due to bleeding from the mouth and nose. The child presented with bruising to the face and body. Medical testing revealed contusions on the brain and shearing injuries. It was determined through the investigation that the father was the sole caregiver of the child at the time of the incident and caused the injuries sustained by the child. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child remained in the care of the mother with a relative supervising contact and services were provided. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. At the time the report was indicated, the father had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

### Lehigh

- 16.) A 2-year-old male child nearly died on April 5, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect. Lehigh County Office of Children and Youth Services indicated the report on May 31, 2022, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was transported to the emergency room by the mother due to an altered mental status and it was reported by the mother the child may have ingested something. The child was administered Narcan and responded positively, and a toxicology screening revealed that the child tested positive for an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the father were the sole caregivers of the child at the time the substance was ingested and provided inconsistent accounts of the incident. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the two other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed with a relative and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

### Luzerne

- 17.) A 4-year-old female child nearly died on January 1, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Luzerne County Children and Youth Agency indicated the report on April 13, 2022, naming the victim child's mother and mother's paramour as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child fell onto a radiator and suffered a seizure. The child was transported to the local hospital and presented unresponsive with bruising and swelling to the face. Medical testing revealed a traumatic brain injury with cortical vein thrombosis, hypoxic ischemic injury, cranial hemorrhage, subarachnoid hemorrhage, and multiple lesions with varying degrees of healing across extremities. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the mother's paramour could not provide a plausible explanation for the injuries sustained by the child. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the one other child in the home were placed with their respective fathers and the one other child in the home at the time of the incident was placed in kinship care. At the time the report was indicated, the mother and the mother's paramour had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.

### Northampton

- 18.) A 1-week-old male child nearly died on February 28, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Northampton County Children, Youth, and Families indicated the report on May 18, 2022, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was seen by the primary care physician and was advised to be transported to the local emergency department. The child presented with multiple fractures in various stages of healing including a right spiral fracture of the tibia, fracture near the ankle, left metatarsal fracture, rib fractures, parietal skull fracture, and fractures to the occipital bone. It was determined through the investigation that the father admitted to causing the injuries sustained by the child dating back to February 28, 2022, and the mother admitted to observing the injuries sustained by the child and did not seek medical care. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed in foster care and services were provided. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. At the time the report was indicated, the mother and the father had been criminally charged. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.

Philadelphia

- 19.) A 3-year-old male child nearly died on April 6, 2022, as a result of physical abuse and serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on May 11, 2022, naming the victim child's paternal grandmother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was found sitting in a bathtub of hot water and the child was later transported to the local hospital. The child presented at the hospital with third degree burns to the feet, legs, buttocks, penis, upper extremities, and left hand. It was determined through the investigation that the paternal grandmother's explanation for the injuries sustained was inconsistent with the injuries and the father was aware the child sustained the injuries; the paternal grandmother and the father did not immediately seek medical attention for the injuries sustained. As the result of the safety assessment the victim child remained hospitalized under agency care and the two other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed in foster care. The family received services. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.
- 20.) A 20-month-old male child nearly died on April 12, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on May 11, 2022, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was transported to the local hospital by the mother due to an altered state. The child was administered Narcan and responded positively, and a toxicology screening revealed the child was positive for an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that the mother could not provide a plausible explanation for the ingestion. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the two other children in the home at the time of the incident remained in the home with a relative supervising contact and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
- 21.) A 16-month-old female child nearly died on April 28, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect and physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on May 27, 2022, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was transported to the local child's hospital by the mother due to the child's stroller reportedly being hit by a car. The child presented to the hospital in an altered mental state and was administered Naloxone to which the child responded positively. A toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that the mother was unable to provide a plausible explanation for the ingestion and the mother was the sole caregiver of the child at the time of the ingestion. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the one other child in the home at the time of the incident were placed in the care of a relative and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
- 22.) A 13-year-old male child nearly died April 30, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia County Department of Human Services indicated the report on May 31, 2022, naming the victim child's older adult sibling as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was being shown how to load a gun by an older adult sibling and the gun went off, shooting the child in the head. As the result of the

safety assessment completed, the victim child and the one other child in the home at the time of the incident were placed with a relative and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the older sibling had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.

- 23.) A 2-year-old female child nearly died on March 31, 2022, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on May 13, 2022, naming the victim child's mother and maternal aunt as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child was transported to the local children's hospital by the mother and the maternal aunt due to the child being unresponsive. The child was administered Narcan and responded positively, and a toxicology screening revealed the child was positive for illegal substances. The child also presented to the hospital with multiple injuries including a burn mark on the stomach, a bite mark, and several patterned bruises on the body. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the maternal aunt's account of the incident were inconsistent, and no explanation was provided as to how the child ingested the substances. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the four other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed with relatives and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family was previously known to child welfare.
- 24.) A 6-month-old male child nearly died on March 4, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect. Philadelphia Department of Human Services indicated the report on April 10, 2022, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, the victim child became unresponsive and emergency services were contacted; the child was transported to the local hospital and presented with pinpoint pupils and shallow breathing. The child was administered Narcan and responded positively. A toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that the mother was the sole caregiver of the child at the time of the incident and the father left the child in the care of the mother knowing the mother used illegal substances. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed with in kinship care and services were provided. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident. At the time the report was indicated, no criminal charges had been filed. The family was previously known to child welfare.

#### Westmoreland

- 25.) A 13-month-old female child nearly died on February 17, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect and physical abuse. Westmoreland County Children's Bureau founded the report on April 13, 2022, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found unresponsive and transported to the hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, the child was administered Narcan and responded positively, and a toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation the mother allowed the child access to the illegal substance. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the two other children in the home on the date of incident were placed with a relative and services were provided. At the time the report was founded, the mother had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.

- 26.) An 11-month-old male child nearly died on March 7, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect. Westmoreland County Children's Bureau indicated the report on May 5, 2022, naming the victim child's father as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, the victim child was found unresponsive by the mother and emergency services were contacted. The child presented to the hospital in respiratory failure. A toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for illegal substances. It was determined through the investigation that the father was the sole caregiver of the child at the time the child ingested the substances and the father admitted to the illegal substance use. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child and the one other child in the home at the time of the remained in the care of the mother with a relative supervising contact and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family had no prior documented child welfare involvement.
- 27.) A 7-month-old female child nearly died on April 6, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect. Westmoreland County Children's Bureau indicated the report on June 1, 2022, naming the victim child's mother and father as perpetrators. On the date of incident, the victim child was found unresponsive, and the mother and the father transported the child to the hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, the child was administered Naloxone and a toxicology screening revealed the child tested positive for an illegal substance. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the father provided inconsistent accounts of how the child ingested the illegal substance. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed in kinship care and the one other child in the home at the time of the incident remained in the care of the mother and the father. The family received services. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.

#### Union

- 28.) A 5-month-old female child nearly died on April 30, 2022, as a result of physical abuse and serious physical neglect. Union County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on June 10, 2022, naming the victim child's mother and mother's paramour as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child choked on a bottle and became unresponsive. The child was transported to the hospital and presented with several brain bleeds, bruising on the feet and ear and dehydrated and failure to thrive. The injuries sustained were consistent with shaking injuries. It was determined through the investigation that the mother's paramour was the sole caregiver of the child at the time the injuries were sustained, and no plausible explanation was provided for the injuries; in addition, the mother failed to provide the child with adequate nutrition and missed several medical appointments leading to weight loss and dehydration. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the victim child was placed in a rehabilitation hospital under the care of the agency and the one other child in the home at the time of the incident was placed with a relative. The family was provided services. At the time the report was indicated, the mother and the mother's paramour had been criminally charged. The family was previously known to child welfare.