



pennsylvania
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

REPORT ON THE NEAR FATALITY OF:

[REDACTED]

Date of Birth: 05/21/2012
Date of Incident: 06/18/2015
Date of Report to ChildLine: 06/18/2015
CWIS Referral ID: [REDACTED]

**FAMILY KNOWN TO COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY AT TIME OF
INCIDENT OR WITHIN THE PRECEDING 16 MONTHS:**

PHILADELPHIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

REPORT FINALIZED ON:

06/30/2016

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(23 Pa. C.S. Section 6340)

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(23 Pa. C.S. Section 6349 (b))

Reason for Review:

Pursuant to the Child Protective Services Law, the Department, through OCYF, must conduct a review and provide a written report of all cases of suspected child abuse that result in a fatality or near fatality. This written report must be completed as soon as possible but no later than six months after the date the report was registered with ChildLine for investigation.

The Child Protective Services Law also requires that county children and youth agencies convene a review when a report of child abuse involving a fatality or near fatality is substantiated or when a status determination has not been made regarding the report within 30 days of the report to ChildLine.

Philadelphia County has convened a review team in accordance with the Child Protective Services Law related to this report. The county review team was convened on 07/17/2015.

Family Constellation:

<u>First and Last Name</u>	<u>Relationship:</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
[REDACTED]	Victim Child	05/12/2012
[REDACTED]	Mother	[REDACTED] 1990
[REDACTED]	Father	[REDACTED] 1978
[REDACTED]	Victim Child Sibling	[REDACTED] 2010
[REDACTED]	Victim Child sibling	[REDACTED] 2014

Notification of Child Fatality:

The victim child is described as a medically complex child [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On June 18, 2015 the Philadelphia Department of Human Services (Phila. DHS) received a Child Protectives Services (CPS) report informing the Phila. DHS that victim child was taken to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) on 06/13/2015 because she had a fever [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It was reported that the victim child's mother, who is a Certified Nursing Assistant, expressed that she understood the victim child's medical needs, however, there have been concerns that the mother has been unable to properly care for the victim child. [REDACTED] team at CHOP, [REDACTED] expressed that continuing social problems in the home may be the contributing factors to the victim child receiving inadequate care. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Summary of OCYF Child Near Fatality Review Activities:

The Southeast Regional Office of Children, Youth and Families obtained and reviewed all current and past case records pertaining to the [REDACTED] Family from Phila. DHS and participated in the County Fatality Review Act 33 Team meeting on July 17, 2015 where sources of information were shared amongst the multidisciplinary team.

Children and Youth Involvement prior to Incident:

Philadelphia Department of Human Services (Phila DHS) became involved with the family on December 3, 2012 when the agency received a General Protective Services (GPS) report that the home had no hot water heater or a stove. The report was rejected as there were no concerns of abuse or neglect. On June 4, 2013, Phila DHS received another GPS report alleging that the victim child was admitted to St. Christopher's Hospital [REDACTED]. The report was determined to be valid and the family received [REDACTED] services from September 17, 2013 to March 3, 2014. A GPS report received by Phila DHS on November 3, 2013 [REDACTED] was investigated and determined to be invalid.

Circumstances of Child Near Fatality and Related Case Activity:

The Multi-Disciplinary Team Social Work Services Manager together with hospital personnel and the victim child's parents instituted a safety plan where the she would stay at CHOP until [REDACTED] services were put in place and a maternal cousin and the maternal grandmother would assist the parents in providing supervision to the victim child's siblings in the home while the mother is at work. The children were also medically assessed and there were no concerns.

Current Case Status:

The CPS determination is UNFOUNDED.

On June 30, 2015, [REDACTED] Community Umbrella Agency began providing in-home safety services to the family. Services included case management and domestic violence services.

[REDACTED]

The mother has changed her work schedule and Phila DHS has implemented in-home safety services to the family.

The father has no apparent involvement in caring for the children. Law enforcement is not investigating the matter.

County Strengths and Deficiencies and Recommendations for Change as Identified by the County's Child Fatality Report:

Summary of County Strengths, Deficiencies and Recommendations for Change as Identified by the County's Child (Near) Fatality Report:

- Strengths in compliance with statutes, regulations and services to children and families;

The county's Multidisciplinary Team and Social Work Services Managers worked well investigating the report.

- Deficiencies in compliance with statutes, regulations and services to children and families;

There were none identified.

- Recommendations for changes at the state and local levels on reducing the likelihood of future child fatalities and near fatalities directly related to abuse;

There were no recommendations.

- Recommendations for changes at the state and local levels on monitoring and inspection of county agencies; and

There were no recommendations.

- Recommendations for changes at the state and local levels on collaboration of community agencies and service providers to prevent child abuse.

There were no recommendations

Department Review of County Internal Report:

The Southeast Region Office of Children, Youth and Families received the county review team report on 10/15/2015 and agreed with the report and its findings.

Department of Human Services Findings:

- County Strengths:

The county multidisciplinary team members worked well to ensure that the family received the necessary services.

- County Weaknesses:

There were no areas of noncompliance since the family was not receiving services from the county at the time of the incident.

- Statutory and Regulatory Areas of Non-Compliance by the County Agency.

No regulatory violations were identified during the review process.

Department of Human Services Recommendations:

The Department did not have any recommendations regarding the monitoring and inspection of the Philadelphia Department of Human Services