



**pennsylvania**  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

## REPORT ON THE NEAR FATALITY OF:



**Date of Birth:** 04/13/12  
**Date of Incident:** 07/19/14  
**Date of Oral Report:** 07/22/14

### FAMILY KNOWN TO:

Perry County Children & Youth

### REPORT FINALIZED ON:

07/03/2015

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(23 Pa. C.S. Section 6340)

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

**Reason for Review:**

Senate Bill 1147, Printer's Number 2159 was signed into law on July 3, 2008. The bill became effective on December 30, 2008 and is known as Act 33 of 2008. As part of Act 33 of 2008, DPW must conduct a review and provide a written report of all cases of suspected child abuse that result in a child 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.

Act 33 of 2008 also requires that county children and youth agencies convene a review when a report of child abuse involving a child fatality or near fatality is indicated or when a status determination has not been made regarding the report within 30 days of the oral report to ChildLine. Perry County Children and Youth have not convened a review team in accordance with Act 33 of 2008 related to this report. The CY48 was completed within 30 days of the date of the report. The report was unfounded.

**Family Constellation:**

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Relationship:</u>	<u>Date of Birth:</u>
Sophia Marrow	Victim Child	04/13/12
[REDACTED]	Mother	[REDACTED]/97
[REDACTED]	Maternal Gandmother	[REDACTED]/73
[REDACTED]	MaternalAunt	[REDACTED]/93
[REDACTED]	Household Member	[REDACTED]/91
[REDACTED]	Household Member	[REDACTED]/59
[REDACTED]*	Father	[REDACTED]/95

\*Not residing in home at time of incident.

**Notification of Child (Near) Fatality:**

The victim child was brought into the [REDACTED] of Carlisle Hospital on July 19, 2014 by her mother who told medical staff that the child fell out of a window at the home on July 19, 2014 and was found lying on the concrete. The victim child was [REDACTED] with a [REDACTED] and no injury. The victim child was brought back to the same hospital on July 22, 2014 because the mother thought the child's head was "squishy." A CAT scan was completed July 22, 2014 and the child was found to have a [REDACTED]. The mechanism for the injury fits the injury and the injury is not the result of non-accidental trauma; rather, a lack of supervision. Per the parents, the windows in the home have screens that easily push out. The mother thought the victim child was in the bathroom and she was not. The victim child was found lying on the concrete outside the trailer home. The child was certified on July 22, 2014 as being in critical condition by the physician.

**Summary of DPW Child (Near) Fatality Review Activities:**

The Central Region Office of Children, Youth and Families obtained and reviewed all current and past case records pertaining to the family. There were no follow up interviews conducted. The Central Region Office did not participate in the County Internal Fatality Review Team meeting as the case was unfounded within 30 days of the report.

**Children and Youth Involvement prior to Incident:**

Perry County Children and Youth received referrals on this family on September 20, 2012, January 07, 2013, September 13, 2013 and April 24, 2014.

On September 20, 2012, York County Children and Youth referred the family to Perry County Children and Youth which was opened for services regarding truancy and mother being a 15 year old mother living with her mother. The family was [REDACTED] from York County Children and Youth but was notifying Perry County Children and Youth since the family moved. Perry County continued to monitor the family and the case was closed October 11, 2012. The case was reopened January 07, 2013 after the mother stole the maternal grandmother's car and crashed it with the victim child also in the car. The family received General Protective Services from Perry County Children and Youth and [REDACTED]. The case was closed in July 2013 by Perry County Children and Youth.

Perry County Children and Youth received a referral on September 13, 2013 regarding housing and lack of food in the home. Perry County Children and Youth contacted the maternal grandmother who informed the caseworker that the family was not being evicted and the family was low on food but had just gone to [REDACTED] and there was sufficient food in the home. Also, the mother was [REDACTED] so there were no concerns for her wellbeing. The report was screened out.

Perry County Children and Youth received a referral on April 24, 2014 regarding conflict between the mother and maternal grandmother but the family never responded to phone calls and home visits; therefore, the case was closed on June 03, 2014.

**Circumstances of Child Near Fatality and Related Case Activity:**

The victim child was brought into [REDACTED] Carlisle Hospital on July 19, 2014 by her mother who told medical staff that the victim child fell out of a window at the home on July 19, 2014 and was found lying on the concrete. The child [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] on July 19, 2014 from Carlisle Hospital. The child was brought back to the same hospital on July 22, 2014 because the mother thought the child's head was "squishy". A CAT scan was done and the child was found to have a [REDACTED]. The mechanism for the injury fits the injury and the injury is not the result of non-accidental trauma, but rather the lack of supervision. Per the parents, the windows have screens that easily push out. The mother thought the child was in the bathroom and she wasn't. The child was found lying on concrete outside the trailer home.

The child was certified by the physician to be in critical condition as a result of the incident.

The victim child was lifeflighted to Hershey Medical Center on July 22, 2014 and seen by physician and the victim child [REDACTED]. Staff at Hershey Medical Center interviewed family members regarding the child's injuries. Based on the family's explanation of what occurred and the fact that the mother returned to Carlisle Hospital immediately after noticing the child's head, the physician felt the injuries were consistent with the account provided by the family. The victim child [REDACTED] on July 24, 2014 to her home with a follow up scheduled for September 27, 2014.

The CY48 was completed on August 04, 2014 with a status of unfounded based on the medical information obtained.

**Current Case Status:**

The case is currently open and the agency is providing parenting skills to the teenage mother.

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

No strengths or deficiencies noted as the CY 48 was completed within 30 days of the oral report.

**Department Review of County Internal Report:**

The County did not convene an Act 33 meeting as the status determination was completed within 30 days as unfounded.

**Department of Public Welfare Findings:**

Based on the medical information gathered by the agency, the injuries to the child were consistent to the explanation given by the child's mother and grandmother.

**Department of Public Welfare Recommendations**

The Department had no recommendations regarding this report.