

Fatalities

Adams County

1. A 9-year-old female child died on June 12, 2016, as a result of physical abuse. Adams County Children and Youth Services (Adams CYS) indicated the case on July 21, 2016, naming the child's father as the perpetrator. On June 12, 2016, the agency received a report of a murder and suicide involving the child. It was reported that on the night of the incident, the father of the child got out of bed and shot the mother in the shoulder. The father then shot the child three times, while she was sleeping on the floor of their bedroom, and then shot himself, resulting in his death. A co-worker of the mother's was asleep downstairs at the family's home and contacted 911 on the night of the incident. The child and father were pronounced dead at the scene. The mother was taken to the hospital where she was treated for her injuries and released. She is currently receiving supportive services. Following the incident, the mother was interviewed as part of the investigation. She indicated that she was in the process of separating from the father, which she believed prompted the shooting. The family was not known to Adams CYS prior to this incident. There were no other children in the family. No criminal charges have been filed as the perpetrator is deceased.

Allegheny County

2. An 8-year-old male child died on June 23, 2016, as a result of physical abuse and serious physical neglect. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth and Families (Allegheny OCYF) indicated the case on August 17, 2016, naming the child's mother as a perpetrator for serious physical neglect and her paramour as a perpetrator for physical abuse and serious physical neglect.

On June 20, 2016, the child was transported by his mother and her paramour to McKeesport Hospital at 6:30 AM. The mother and her paramour reported they had found him unresponsive at approximately 3:00 AM, but gave no explanation for the delay in seeking medical treatment for the child. The child was limp, unresponsive, had blood around his mouth, and multiple bruises to his shoulder, forehead and right leg. He was immediately intubated and the physicians performed a computerized axial tomography scan which determined that the child had experienced significant brain trauma. A neurological check determined that his eyes were unresponsive to light or other stimuli. The child was transported via medical helicopter to Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh (CHP) and upon his arrival, it was determined that he had sustained a subdural hemorrhage and a brain stem hemorrhage. During an examination, additional bruising was found on the child's neck, chest, back and buttocks. His injuries were determined to be acute and he was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit. The child underwent surgery to alleviate the bleeding on his brain; however, the surgery was not successful and he died on June 23, 2016.

The mother's paramour admitted to becoming upset with the child when he did not pick up his clothes as he was told. The paramour grabbed the child and threw him

across the room. The paramour stated he attempted to throw the child on the bed but missed, and the child's head must have hit something because he heard a loud "thump." A witness reported that he had seen the mother's paramour punch the child in the chest the day prior to him being taken to the hospital. He saw vomit on the floor from the child's room to the stairs and on the back of the mother's paramour's shirt as he was carrying the child to the family's car to be transported to the hospital. The mother's paramour was arrested by the Allegheny County Police Department and charged with criminal homicide, aggravated assault, endangering the welfare of a child, and recklessly endangering another person. He remains incarcerated at the Allegheny County Jail awaiting trial.

The mother has two additional children. Both children were physically examined and were determined to have no signs of maltreatment. Allegheny OCYF took custody of both children and placed them together at the home of the youngest sibling's paternal grandparents. The children are receiving grief counseling and having supervised visits with their mother. The mother is receiving non-offenders treatment. The family was previously known to Allegheny OCYF. In July 2013 a general protective services report was received alleging physical maltreatment. The case was invalidated and closed after the initial assessment period. No services were provided to the family. However, the family did receive services for behavioral health within the community.

Berks County

3. An 8-year-old female child and her two siblings (see report #4 and #5) died on August 6, 2016, as a result of physical abuse. Berks County Children and Youth Services (Berks CYS) indicated the report on September 14, 2016, naming the child's father as the perpetrator. On the night of the incident, the father shot the victim child, her two siblings, the family dog, and the children's mother before ending his own life.

The Berks CYS worker and the police interviewed both maternal and paternal family members as part of their investigation. Information was received that the parents began to have marital problems about four years ago. It was also reported that the father had a history of depression and there were domestic violence issues in the home. On July 18, 2016, the mother proposed that she and the father develop a separation agreement. This angered the father, who became physically violent. The police were called to the home, but the father was not arrested. It was recommended that the mother obtain a Protection from Abuse order, but she declined to do so. The next day the father purchased the handgun that he used on the night of the incident.

Following this July incident with the father, the mother rented an apartment with plans of moving out on August 6, 2016. On August 4, 2016, the mother dropped the children off with the father. When the mother returned to the family home on the evening of August 5, 2016, she agreed to stay at the home with the children, but planned to still move out the following day. It was during this overnight stay that the father ended his and his family members' lives, leaving a note confessing

to the murders and suicide. The deceased family members were found on August 6, 2016, after the mother did not show up to meet with a family member. The family member contacted the local police department who forced their way into the home and located the bodies.

The family had no prior involvement with Berks CYS. There were no surviving children in the home and no criminal charges were filed as the father is deceased.

4. A 5-year-old male child and his two siblings (see report #3 and #5) died on August 6, 2016, as a result of physical abuse. Berks County Children and Youth Services (Berks CYS) indicated the report on September 14, 2016, naming the child's father as the perpetrator. On the night of the incident, the father shot the victim child, her two siblings, the family dog, and the children's mother before ending his own life.

The Berks CYS worker and the police interviewed both maternal and paternal family members as part of their investigation. Information was received that the parents began to have marital problems about four years ago. It was also reported that the father had a history of depression and there were domestic violence issues in the home. On July 18, 2016, the mother proposed that she and the father develop a separation agreement. This angered the father, who became physically violent. The police were called to the home, but the father was not arrested. It was recommended that the mother obtain a Protection from Abuse order, but she declined to do so. The next day the father purchased the handgun that he used on the night of the incident.

Following this July incident with the father, the mother rented an apartment with plans of moving out on August 6, 2016. On August 4, 2016, the mother dropped the children off with the father. When the mother returned to the family home on the evening of August 5, 2016, she agreed to stay at the home with the children, but planned to still move out the following day. It was during this overnight stay that the father ended his and his family members' lives, leaving a note confessing to the murders and suicide. The deceased family members were found on August 6, 2016, after the mother did not show up to meet with a family member. The family member contacted the local police department who forced their way into the home and located the bodies.

The family had no prior involvement with Berks CYS. There were no surviving children in the home and no criminal charges were filed as the father is deceased.

5. A 2-year-old female child and her two siblings (see report #3 and #4) died on August 6, 2016, as a result of physical abuse. Berks County Children and Youth Services (Berks CYS) indicated the report on September 14, 2016, naming the child's father as the perpetrator. On the night of the incident, the father shot the victim child, her two siblings, the family dog, and the children's mother before ending his own life.

The Berks CYS worker and the police interviewed both maternal and paternal family members as part of their investigation. Information was received that the parents began to have marital problems about four years ago. It was also reported that the father had a history of depression and there were domestic violence issues in the home. On July 18, 2016, the mother proposed that she and the father develop a separation agreement. This angered the father, who became physically violent. The police were called to the home, but the father was not arrested. It was recommended that the mother obtain a Protection from Abuse order, but she declined to do so. The next day the father purchased the handgun that he used on the night of the incident.

Following this July incident with the father, the mother rented an apartment with plans of moving out on August 6, 2016. On August 4, 2016, the mother dropped the children off with the father. When the mother returned to the family home on the evening of August 5, 2016, she agreed to stay at the home with the children, but planned to still move out the following day. It was during this overnight stay that the father ended his and his family members' lives, leaving a note confessing to the murders and suicide. The deceased family members were found on August 6, 2016, after the mother did not show up to meet with a family member. The family member contacted the local police department who forced their way into the home and located the bodies.

The family had no prior involvement with Berks CYS. There were no surviving children in the home and no criminal charges were filed as the father is deceased.

Bradford County

6. An 18-month-old female child died on September 14, 2015, as a result of physical abuse. Bradford County Children and Youth Services (Bradford CYS) indicated the case on July 8, 2016, naming the mother's paramour as the perpetrator. At the time of the initial report, the child was residing with her mother, siblings, mother's paramour, and extended family. The mother and the mother's paramour reported that they had found the child non-responsive in her bed in the family's home. The child was transported to Robert Packer Hospital and pronounced dead upon arrival. An autopsy was conducted on September 16, 2015, which determined the child died as a result of injuries to her head. At the time of this incident, Bradford CYS was investigating a separate child protective services report received in August 2015 concerning unexplained head trauma to the child. Bradford CYS and law enforcement could not determine a specific caretaker responsible for the child at the time of the first head injury nor were they able to definitively rule out accidental head trauma. Bradford CYS initially assigned a pending criminal court status to the fatality report and the child protective services report because the criminal investigation of the paramour was ongoing.

After conducting interviews with the mother, the mother's paramour, medical personnel, and collateral interviews with individuals having information associated with the care/supervision of the child, it was determined that the mother's paramour was the only individual that had contact with the child during the time

her injuries were medically determined to have occurred. Bradford CYS substantiated the case and law enforcement officials filed criminal charges against the mother's paramour. Additionally, Bradford CYS received a third child protective services report following the child's death that concerned sexual abuse of the child. This report was indicated for sexual abuse and the mother's paramour was named as the perpetrator.

There were two other children in the home, a 13-year-old half-sibling and a 2-year-old half-sibling. Following the incident, Bradford CYS removed the half-siblings from the home and placed them with relatives to ensure their safety. After the mother agreed to deny her paramour access to the home, the children were returned to the mother's care with ongoing protective services. Bradford CYS also completed an assessment and established a safety plan that included Juvenile Court intervention.

The family was not known to Bradford CYS prior to the child protective services report received in August 2015. The mother's paramour was arrested and charged with murder of the second degree, murder of the third degree, aggravated assault of a victim less than 13, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse with a child, indecent assault of a person less than 13, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, and serious bodily injury. He is currently incarcerated and awaiting trial.

Cumberland County

7. A 6-month-old female child died on May 14, 2016, as a result of physical abuse. Cumberland County Children and Youth Services (Cumberland CYS) indicated the case on July 28, 2016, naming the child's father as the perpetrator. The child was in the care of the father at the time the injury occurred while the mother was out of the state. The father alleged that he found the child with shallow breathing and called emergency medical services (EMS). The child was unresponsive, without a pulse, but breathing when EMS arrived. She was taken to the Harrisburg Hospital at which time she was pronounced dead. Initially, it was reported the child's death was not suspicious but autopsy results completed on July 28, 2016, concluded the child's death was due to traumatic asphyxia and traumatic brain injury. The father admitted to suffocating the child and that he had been attempting to suffocate her for six months.

There are three other children in the home. Household members include the mother, the father, the maternal grandfather, the maternal aunt, and the maternal aunt's paramour. Cumberland CYS developed a safety plan to ensure the safety of these children. Before the father was named as the perpetrator, the safety plan prohibited all five adults in the home from having unsupervised contact with the children. After the father was named as the perpetrator, the safety plan was updated to only prohibit the maternal grandfather and the maternal aunt's paramour from having unsupervised contact with the children due to the fact they were home during the time of the incident. The family was not known to the agency prior to this incident. Grief counseling was offered to the family and other services were provided through community resources as a result of the incident. The case

closed on August 15, 2016. The father was charged with homicide and is currently incarcerated.

Dauphin County

8. A 3-year-old female child died on July 31, 2016, as a result of serious physical neglect. Dauphin County Social Services for Children and Youth (Dauphin SSCY) indicated the case on September 29, 2016, naming the child's uncle as the perpetrator. At the time of the incident, the child was in the care of her uncle, as the mother needed sleep after returning from an overnight work shift. The child went missing around 8:20 AM but this was not reported by the uncle until 9:40 AM. The child was found floating face down in a swimming pool in the neighborhood at 9:20 AM and could not be resuscitated.

The mother and the father did not have any other children. The family was known to Dauphin SSCY prior to this incident. In May 2015, a report was received after the child was found outside unattended while in the care of her uncle. The case was closed after the family developed a plan to ensure supervision and installed chain locks on the door. On July 13, 2016, a second report was received after the child was again found outside unattended while at her father's home. The child went to stay with her mother due to the concerns for supervision at her father's home. Dauphin SSCY began working with the mother to obtain extra locks and take other preventative measures to ensure the child could not get out of the home as the child was known to move furniture to access door locks that were out of her reach. Dauphin SSCY was still working with the family when the fatality occurred. Criminal charges are pending against the uncle and the mother in regards to this incident.

Lancaster County

9. A 2-month-old male child died on July 12, 2016, as a result of physical abuse. Lancaster County Children and Youth Services (Lancaster CYS) completed the investigation and indicated the case on September 9, 2016, naming the mother as the perpetrator. The mother was the primary caretaker of the child at the time of the incident and was sleeping in bed with the child and the child's 3-year-old sibling. The child was in between the mother and his sibling. The mother reported that she last fed the child at approximately 2:00 AM and then when she woke up at approximately 8:00 AM the child was deceased. The mother reports that she called 911 and emergency medical technicians arrived at the home. The County Coroner was then called to the residence and he pronounced the child dead. The child's father had slept on the couch that night as it was reported the mother and father had gotten into an argument before bed. The following morning the father got up and went to work and did not see the mother or the child before leaving the home. The mother had previously been warned about the dangers of co-sleeping and she had been advised against it. Despite the warnings the mother had made a comment to a medical professional just six days prior to the incident that she would continue to co-sleep with the child.

The mother was arrested on September 8, 2016 and remains incarcerated awaiting trial. She was charged with criminal homicide, involuntary manslaughter, and endangering the welfare of a child. The child's four other siblings are staying with relatives, as per private arrangements made by the family. The safety of each of the siblings has been ensured. Lancaster CYS is currently not providing any services to the family. The family was known to Lancaster CYS prior to this incident. Lancaster CYS conducted four prior general protective services investigations regarding concerns for the emotional well-being of one of the child's siblings, the safety of two of the child's siblings when visiting their father, inappropriate discipline of one of the siblings, and inappropriate individuals residing in the family's home. All four cases were closed after an initial assessment period without any additional services being provided to the family. At the time of the last assessment in May 2016, the family was receiving Family Based Services from another agency and no concerns were noted by that agency. Additionally, the family was previously known to Maryland's Cecil County Children and Youth Services regarding her two-month-old male child who died in her care as a result of serious physical neglect in 2011. Criminal charges were filed against the mother and she served jail time and a three year probation period for that incident.

10. A 4-year-old female child died on July 22, 2016, as a result of serious physical neglect. Lycoming County Children and Youth Services (Lycoming CYS) indicated the case on September 9, 2016, naming the child's father's paramour as the perpetrator. On July 22, 2016, the father's paramour had the child in the back seat of her car and was supposed to take the victim child to her daycare after dropping off her 2-year-old biological child at his daycare. The father's paramour did not go to the victim child's daycare but continued on to her place of employment. She entered work at approximately 9:00 AM, with the child still sitting in the booster seat behind the driver's seat. The day that the child was left in the car reached temperatures in the high 90's. When the father's paramour returned to her car at approximately 3:30 PM, she found the child unresponsive on the floor of the front passenger side. She called 911 and emergency personnel arrived on the scene. The victim child was transported to Williamsport Regional Medical Center where she was pronounced dead. The victim child's body temperature at the time that she was pronounced dead was 110 degrees.

In addition to the 2 year old, the father's paramour has a 7-year-old child. At the time of the incident, the family made immediate arrangements for these children to stay with the maternal uncle and his wife. In August 2016, the children returned to the care of the father's paramour and they moved in with her father after Lycoming CYS determined there were no risk or safety concerns for the children. Lycoming CYS assisted the father's paramour in receiving counseling services for her and the surviving children. The father's paramour was arrested and charged with involuntary manslaughter, endangering the welfare of a child, recklessly endangering another person and leaving an unattended child in a motor vehicle. She is currently out on bail, awaiting trial.

The family was previously known to Lycoming CYS. From October 2014 to September 2015, two general protective services reports were received regarding

the victim child with concerns that the father was inappropriately administering her medications and concerns the father's paramour was using inappropriate discipline. Both reports were invalidated and closed out after an initial assessment period.

Monroe County

11. A 6-month-old female child died on May 6, 2016, as a result of physical abuse. Monroe County Children and Youth Services (Monroe CYS) indicated the case on July 1, 2016, naming the child's father as perpetrator for the abusive act and the child's mother as perpetrator for a failure to act. On May 6, 2016, the child, who was unconscious, was brought to the Pocono Medical Center emergency room (ER) by the father. The child died within hours of being brought to the ER. The autopsy confirmed retinal and brain hemorrhages and the child also had bruising from the neck up. The mother had left the child in the care of the father despite knowing he abuses drugs and alcohol and becomes violent when drinking. The father did not fully disclose the abuse but admitted to drinking two beers and smoking marijuana after the mother had left for work. The father denied doing anything purposeful to hurt the child and stated that what happened to the child was an accident. Monroe CYS was granted emergency protective custody of the child's 7-year-old sibling on May 6, 2016. The sibling is currently placed in kinship care with a maternal relative. The mother and sibling have been referred for grief counseling. The mother was also referred to a private agency provider to assist her in becoming self-sufficient and independent. The family was not known to Monroe CYS prior to this incident. However, the family was known to New York Administration for Children Services (ACS) due to concerns the father was leaving the 7-year-old sibling alone in the home. This investigation with ACS was closed after an initial assessment period and no services were provided to the family. The father was arrested on May 6, 2016, for charges of criminal homicide, endangering the welfare of children, and recklessly endangering another person. He is incarcerated with bail denied and is awaiting trial.

12. A 2-year-old male child died on July 1, 2016, as a result of serious physical neglect. Monroe County Children and Youth Services (Monroe CYS) indicated the case on August 15, 2016, naming the child's step-father as the perpetrator. On July 1, 2016, the child was found floating in a swimming pool. The child and his half siblings were in the care of the child's step-father on the day of the incident. The mother was at work and the step-father was the one who was responsible to watch the children on that day. The step-father had all the children watching television and decided to take a nap with the victim child around 3:30 PM. Around 5:00 PM, the step-father was awakened by the victim child's half-sibling and told that the victim child was floating in the pool. The step-father began CPR while the half-siblings called 911. There is a safety plan in place that requires the step-father not to have any unsupervised contact with the half-siblings who are his biological children. The mother is their primary caretaker at this time. Monroe CYS has opened the case for ongoing general protective services. They are monitoring the family's compliance with and progress in grief counseling and parenting services for the step-father. The family was known to Monroe CYS prior to this incident. Monroe CYS received three general protective services referrals regarding the family in July

2015. The referrals alleged unsanitary home conditions, supervision issues, failure to secure adequate medical treatment, insufficient food, and history of depression and drug and alcohol abuse. Monroe CYS found those reports to be invalidated and closed the case at that time. The criminal investigation is active.

Philadelphia County

13. A 4-year-old female child died on June 23, 2016, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia Department of Human Services (Philadelphia DHS) indicated the case on July 26, 2016, naming the child's mother and the mother's paramour as the perpetrators. It was reported that on the day of the incident, the child found a gun inside a bag that was on the floor of the mother's bedroom closet. The child was unsupervised at the time when she began exploring the gun and accidentally pulled the trigger while staring down its barrel. The child was pronounced dead at Hahnemann Hospital. In her interview with police, the mother reported that she was downstairs at the time of the incident. She admitted that the gun belonged to her paramour and that she allowed him to bring it into the home. Moreover, the mother changed her story multiple times, giving misleading information to police. A witness to the event confirmed that the child had shot herself and that the gun belonged to the mother's paramour.

In addition to the victim child, the mother also had a 3-year-old child residing in the home and a 6-year-old child that was not residing in the home at the time of the incident. The 6 year old had been living with her grandmother since January 2016, but had access to the home on the weekends. During the investigation, Philadelphia DHS placed the 6 year old and the 3 year old in foster care to ensure their safety as the grandmother was no longer able to care for the 6 year old on a full time basis. The 6 year old now resides with her father who was granted custody and is not receiving any services at this time. The 3 year old is currently residing with her paternal aunt and is receiving kinship care services and Trauma-Focused Therapy as a result of the incident. The children have no contact with the mother or the mother's paramour but do have visitations with each other.

On June 24, 2016, the mother was incarcerated. She was charged with murder of the third degree, involuntary manslaughter, endangering the welfare of a child, hindering apprehension and/or prosecution, possessing an instrument of a crime with intent, recklessly endangering another person, firearms not to be carried without a license, and carrying firearms in public in Philadelphia. At the time of the mother's arrest, the whereabouts of her paramour were unknown. However, on July 1, 2016, the mother's paramour was located and he was incarcerated. He was charged with involuntary manslaughter, possession of a firearm prohibited, endangering the welfare of children, firearms not to be carried without a license, carrying firearms in public in Philadelphia, possession of an instrument of crime with intent, and recklessly endangering another person. The mother pleaded guilty to all her charges except for murder of the third degree and remains incarcerated. The mother's paramour remains incarcerated awaiting trial scheduled for January 8, 2018. The family is currently receiving ongoing services as a result of the incident. The family was previously known to Philadelphia DHS. Philadelphia DHS received

four general protective services referrals between October 2011 and January 2016. Concerns reported include the mother's substance abuse at the time of the victim child's birth, lack of supervision, and medical neglect of one of the children in the home. All four referrals were unable to be validated and were closed after an initial assessment period. No services were provided to the family.

14. A 19-month-old male child died on March 20, 2016, due to serious physical neglect. Philadelphia County Department of Human Services (Philadelphia DHS) indicated the report on July 12, 2016, naming the child's mother and father as the perpetrators. In March 2016, the father went to check on the child and give him a bottle at midnight. The father then laid down on the bed alongside the child and fell asleep. At 5:00 AM the father got up and noticed the child was not breathing and was unresponsive. The mother called 911 and began cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The child was pronounced dead at 5:56 AM. There were no external signs of abuse or trauma. A general report was made at that time and Philadelphia DHS found no safety threats present for the siblings at that time. The initial cause of death was believed to be lead poisoning due to paint chips in the child's stomach, however, autopsy results from May 17, 2016, revealed that the child died from drug intoxication and that he had ingested an excessive amount of morphine. A report of suspected child abuse was generated at that time. It is unknown how the child ingested the morphine. However, the child's mother is prescribed morphine for pain management due to a medical condition. As a result of the new information relating to the cause of death on May 17, 2016, the 7-year-old sibling and 4-year-old sibling were placed with the paternal grandfather as a safety resource. The paternal grandfather was to supervise visits with the parents and ensure that medications would be secured at all times. When he failed to follow the safety plan and allowed the father unsupervised access to the children, the children were placed together in foster care. Case management services are being provided to the family including bereavement counseling.

The family was previously known to Philadelphia DHS. In August 2014, a report was received concerning the family that was not accepted since there was no specific allegation of abuse. In October 2015, a general protective services report was received that alleged that the victim child had not been seen for medical care since the age of 5 months old and he was behind with immunizations. These concerns were unable to be validated and the case was closed at the intake level without further services being offered to the family. A criminal investigation is ongoing and no charges have been filed at this time.

Susquehanna County

15. A 7-month-old male child died on May 4, 2013, as a result of physical abuse. Susquehanna County Children and Youth Services (Susquehanna CYS) indicated the case on August 25, 2016, naming the mother's paramour as the perpetrator. On May 4, 2013, the child died while in the care of his mother and her paramour. At the time of the incident both the Pennsylvania State Police and the Susquehanna County Coroner's Office were involved, but the case was closed when the cause of death was determined to be Sudden Unexplained Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

However, in June 2016, the mother disclosed that her paramour was caring for the child at the time of his death. She indicated that on May 4, 2013, her paramour had held his hand over the child's mouth and face to stop him from crying and then placed him in the crib. This additional information prompted a referral to the local law enforcement agency and Susquehanna CYS. Susquehanna CYS then completed an investigation and determined that there was sufficient evidence available to indicate the mother's paramour for causing the child's death.

At the time of the incident there were no other children residing in the home. The family was previously known to Susquehanna CYS. A general protective services report was received in September 2012 with concerns the mother tested positive for an illegal substance at the time of delivery. Susquehanna CYS provided parenting services and a drug and alcohol evaluation and then closed the case. The mother's paramour has been charged with homicide and is currently incarcerated, awaiting trial.

York County

16. A 3-year-old female child died on June 8, 2016, due to physical abuse. On July 15, 2016, York County Office of Children, Youth, and Families (York OCYF) indicated the mother as the perpetrator. On the day of the incident, two additional referrals to ChildLine were made alleging the mother murdered her child. When help arrived, the mother was found running outside of the home naked and screaming she "had to do it to get the blackness out of her." The mother had to be restrained by police. The child was found unresponsive with bruises on her forehead and under her eyes. She also had what appeared to be a human bite mark on her right side. A neighbor and police officer performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), but the child was not responding. The child was placed on a monitor and oxygen was provided, but she had no heartbeat. She remained in this state during the transport to York Hospital and was pronounced dead in the York Hospital emergency room. The autopsy report indicated the child's death as a homicide.

There was also a 6-year-old half-sibling residing in the home. The 6 year old was taken into emergency custody and placed in the care of his maternal grandparents, where he remains. He is currently receiving ongoing general protective services from York OCYF as a result of the incident. Additionally, there is a 9-year-old half-sibling who resides with his father in Adams County. The 9 year old was not at the home when the incident occurred and is not receiving any services at this time. The family was previously known to York OCYF and Adams County Children and Youth (Adams CYS). In June 2011 and July 2011, two reports were made concerning the 6-year-old half-sibling. The first report was received by Adams CYS and the second report was received by York OCYF. Both reports were concerning injuries to the half-sibling and were closed after investigations determined the injuries were accidental. No services were provided to the family. In December 2015, York OCYF received a report with the following concerns: that several men were in and out of the home, drug use, inappropriate supervision, mental health issues, and that the child was being left with an inappropriate caregiver. Due to continued concerns for drug use by the mother, ongoing general protective services were provided to the

family. In April 2016, York OCYF received another report with concerns the mother was using and dealing drugs and that the mother's cousin had overdosed in the home. During a follow up visit on May 3, 2016, it was observed that the victim child had scabs and bruising under both eyes and on the side of her head. The mother stated the victim child fell up the steps at the babysitter's home and shared a text message from the babysitter informing the mother of this accident. The family was still open for services at the time of the child's death.

On July 8, 2016, the child's mother was taken to York Hospital and was involuntarily committed to their psychiatric unit. Toxicology screens were completed on the mother, but the results have not been released. The mother was discharged to York County Prison on June 16, 2016, but was later transferred to Torrance State Psychiatric Hospital on September 26, 2016, where she remains. She was charged with criminal homicide, terroristic threats, and endangering the welfare of children. The preliminary hearing was originally scheduled for July 8, 2016, but has been continued three times due to the mother's behavioral health concerns.

17. A 17-year-old male child and his peer (see report #18) died on June 16, 2015, as a result of physical abuse. York County Office of Children, Youth and Families (York OCYF) indicated the case on August 23, 2016, naming the child's two adult caretakers as perpetrators. On June 16, 2015, the child was at the home of the caretakers as he was friends with the caretakers' children. The victim child was drinking alcoholic beverages at the caretaker's home as he has done several times in the past. The victim child and another peer who was also at the home drinking alcoholic beverages got into a car and drove away. Police reports indicate that the victim child was driving the vehicle at a high rate of speed when they hit a utility pole, flipping the vehicle which immediately caught fire. Emergency responders arrived at the scene to find the vehicle on its roof with the burned remains of both children in the front seats. The toxicology screen revealed the victim child had an ethanol alcohol level of .094 percent in his system.

The victim child's family had no prior history with York OCYF. When the report of suspected abuse was received on July 5, 2016, a caseworker from York OCYF went to the home to assure safety for the other children in the home and to discuss the allegations with the victim child's parents. There were no other children residing in the home. Both of the child's caretakers were charged with involuntary manslaughter, endangering the welfare of children, corruption of minors and furnishing alcohol to a minor. Both caretakers are out on bail and awaiting trial which is scheduled for July 10, 2017.

18. A 16-year-old male child and his peer (see report #17) died on June 16, 2015, as a result of physical abuse. York OCYF indicated the case on August 23, 2016 naming the child's two adult caretakers as perpetrators. On June 16, 2015, the child was at the home of the caretakers as he was friends with the caretakers' children. The victim child was drinking alcoholic beverages at the home of the caretakers as he had done several times in the past. The victim child and another peer who was also at the home drinking alcoholic beverages got into a car and drove away. Police reports indicate that the peer was driving the vehicle at a high

rate of speed when they hit a utility pole, flipping the vehicle which immediately caught fire. Emergency responders arrived at the scene to find the vehicle on its roof with the burned remains of both children in the front seats. The toxicology screen revealed the driver had an ethanol alcohol level of .094 percent. A toxicology screen was not done on the victim child because he was not the driver. The report of abuse for this incident was received by York OCYF on July 1, 2016. A caseworker from York OCYF went to the home on July 7, 2016, to assure safety for the other children in the home and discuss the allegations about the caregivers giving alcohol to minors. The family has no contact with the caretakers.

The victim child's family was known to York OCYF prior to the child's death. Between August 2003 and September 2011, four referrals were received on this family. Concerns reported included physical abuse against the victim child's two younger siblings, sexual abuse of a younger sibling by an unknown perpetrator, unsafe home conditions, and the use of inappropriate discipline. None of these referrals were able to be substantiated and all were closed out following an initial assessment/investigation. Both of the victim child's caretakers were charged with involuntary manslaughter, endangering the welfare of children, corruption of minors and furnishing alcohol to a minor. Both of the caretakers are out on bail and awaiting trial which is scheduled for July, 10 2017.

19. A 2-month-old male child died on June 10, 2016, due to physical abuse. York County Office of Children, Youth, and Families (York OCYF) indicated the case on July 18, 2016, naming the child's father as the perpetrator. On May 25, 2016, the child was transported by emergency medical services to York Hospital in a non-responsive state and was immediately intubated. The child was found to have acute and chronic subdural hemorrhages, as well as retinal hemorrhages which led the physician to suspect physical abuse. On May 26, 2016, the child was transferred to Hershey Medical Center. While there, the child's breathing was erratic and an electroencephalogram (EEG) revealed his brain activity was severely abnormal. Initial x-rays revealed a subtle fracture to the right ninth rib with questionable early callus formation. Subsequent x-rays of the child also revealed additional fractures including a fracture to the left sixth rib and a fracture to the right leg. On June 6, 2016, the mother made the decision to end life support for her son and on June 10, 2016, the child died due to his injuries.

When interviewed by York OCYF, the mother reported that on the day of the incident, she left the child with the father to go to the store. Upon her return, the father was feeding the child when the child started coughing, choking, and then stopped breathing. The mother reported she called 911. A witness alleged that they saw the father carry the child by his ankles and pick him up by the front of his shirt, causing his head to go back. The witness also stated that they saw the father pick the child up by his wrists.

The child had two half-siblings that also resided in the home. To ensure their safety, York OCYF implemented a safety plan that placed the siblings in the care of their maternal grandmother. The siblings were to have no contact with the mother or the victim child's father due to the father's continued residence in the mother's

home. When the victim child's father moved out of the residence, the siblings were returned to the care of their mother and the victim child's father is to have no contact with them. The family is receiving ongoing general protective services from York OCYF as a result of the incident.

The family was previously known to York OCYF, who had received two reports between April 2011 and December 2011. Concerns reported included environmental issues within the home and inappropriate discipline. Both reports were closed after the initial assessment and no services were provided to the family. At this time, no criminal charges have been filed as the criminal investigation remains ongoing.

Near Fatalities

Allegheny County

20. A 6-month-old male child nearly died on July 18, 2016, as a result of physical abuse. Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth and Families (Allegheny OCYF) indicated the case on August 26, 2016, naming the child's mother as the perpetrator. On July 18, 2016, the child experienced a seizure while being fed a bottle by his mother. The mother called for an ambulance and the child was transported to Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh (CHP), where it was determined that he had sustained a three to four centimeter scalp hematoma to the back of his head, a skull fracture, and multiple brain bleeds. The child underwent brain surgery to reverse the damage caused by the injuries and was admitted to the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit for further treatment and observation.

The mother initially reported that the child had fallen off the couch onto the floor. She also stated that the child had vomited after eating on July 16, 2016. The physicians at the hospital explained the injuries endured by the child were not the direct result of a fall off the couch. The skull fracture was determined to be approximately two weeks old and the onset of the various brain bleeds dated from more than ten days to approximately three days prior to hospital admission. On July 20, 2016, the mother confessed to hitting the child on multiple occasions, which included hitting the child on the head with a hard plastic bottle and punching the child in the head five to six times due to being frustrated with one of the child's siblings. She also expressed that a few days prior to the child's seizure, she had body slammed him into his pack and play and against the wall. The mother also conveyed that the child had rolled off the couch on several occasions. The child was discharged from CHP on July 25, 2016. That same day, Allegheny OCYF took custody of him and placed him in a foster home. Allegheny OCYF is exploring relatives for possible placement. The child's biological father has had infrequent contact with his child. The child continues to have follow-up appointments with his neurologist and ophthalmologist. The family is currently receiving ongoing general protective services from Allegheny OCYF.

As a result of this incident, the mother was arrested and charged with three counts of aggravated assault, endangering the welfare of a child and recklessly endangering a child. She was incarcerated from July 20, 2016 until July 28, 2016

when she was released on her own recognizance under the condition she self-admitted to a psychiatric facility and had no contact with any of her children. She is currently awaiting trial.

The mother has two other children, a 9 year old and a 13 year old who are currently in the care of their fathers. The victim child and the mother both lived with the father of the 9 year old, but it was determined he had no knowledge of the mother's actions towards the victim child. During the investigation, a witness reported that she overheard the mother threaten to hurt the victim child, but reported that the mother's paramour had intervened and taken the child away from the mother for a few hours.

The family was known to Allegheny OCYF prior to this incident. In 2013 and 2014, three reports were received for the 9 year old concerning lack of supervision and possible maltreatment. All three reports were closed and no services were provided. In January 2016, a report was received for the victim child due to the mother and child testing positive for marijuana at the time of the child's birth. Allegheny OCYF was unable to fully assess the family as the mother and victim child had left the county to move to Ohio. The case was closed for this reason, and no services were provided to the family.

Berks County

21. A 4-month-old female child nearly died on July 10, 2016, due to physical abuse. Berks County Children and Youth Services (Berks CYS) indicated the case on September 7, 2016, naming the child's father as the perpetrator. The child was taken to Reading Hospital emergency department on July 10, 2016 due to concerns for vomiting. Upon initial examination, the child was lethargic and her fontanelle was very full and swollen. Her eyes were also observed to be positioned down more than normal. A computerized axial tomography (CAT) scan showed a bilateral subdural hematoma along with a brain injury. The parents were unable provide an explanation for the child's injuries. The child was transported to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) that same evening. Further testing confirmed subdural hemorrhages and bilateral, multi-layered retinal hemorrhages. The report concluded that it was highly likely that the child's injuries were non-accidental and the result of inflicted trauma.

When questioned, the mother stated that the father was up with the child twice during the night and the child was crying but stopped and went to sleep. The father said that the child slept peacefully the entire night and did not wake up at all. The father was given a polygraph by the police and admitted that he had shaken the child. Berks CYS took custody of the child on July 14, 2016, when she was released from the hospital and she was placed in an agency foster home that day. The child is receiving early intervention services and will continue to be monitored by a neurologist from CHOP. A shunt was inserted into her head to drain fluid from the brain which will remain in place permanently. The parents currently have supervised visits with the child. No other services are in place at this time. There

are no other children in the family and the family had no prior involvement with Berks County CYS. The criminal investigation is still pending.

Cambria County

22. A 15-month-old female child nearly died on June 18, 2016, due to serious physical neglect. Cambria County Children and Youth Services (Cambria CYS) indicated the case on July 26, 2016, naming the child's maternal grandmother as the perpetrator. The child suffered substantial impairment due to the grandmother's lack of supervision. The child resides with the grandmother, who reported that at the time of the incident, she was in the living room on the couch while the child played outside. The grandmother stated that she would yell out every once in a while and listen for the child to respond. When the child didn't respond, the grandmother went to check on her and found her face down in the swimming pool. When emergency medical services arrived at the home, the grandmother was by the pool giving the child cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The child had been without a pulse for several minutes, but it is unknown for exactly how long. The child was transported to Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center where she was placed on a ventilator and then transported via helicopter to Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh (CHP). Medical reports stated that the child's injuries included cardiac arrest, respiratory failure, blood clots with an anterior spinal hematoma, and ligamentous injuries to her neck and spine. The child made significant improvement and was transferred to CHP's rehabilitation facility on June 30, 2016. Due to the child's positive response to medical treatment, she was discharged on July 14, 2016, to the care of the grandmother and great grandmother.

There were three other children in the household, a 16-year-old aunt, a 13-year-old uncle, and an unrelated 8 year old who is temporarily staying in the home with his mother. A safety assessment was completed on these three children and it was determined that they were safe in the home. The 8 year old is being cared for and supervised by his biological mother. The family also removed the swimming pool the day after the incident. Cambria CYS accepted the family for ongoing protective services. The family is receiving early intervention services, mental health services for the grandmother, and parenting classes. No criminal charges have been filed against the grandmother.

The family was previously known to Cambria CYS due to a report received in February 2015 concerning the child being a drug exposed infant. The case was closed after the mother tested negative on subsequent drug screens and the agency recommended the mother seek behavioral health services. No services were provided by Cambria CYS at that time.

Cumberland County

23. A 2-month-old male child nearly died on July 16, 2016, as a result of physical abuse. Cumberland County Children and Youth Services (Cumberland CYS) indicated the case on September 12, 2016, naming the child's father as the perpetrator. The child was in the care of the father at the time the injury occurred

as the mother was at work. The father alleged that he had laid the child down on a pillow on the bed while he left the room to do the dishes. While away from the room, he heard a tumble and then a scream. When the father returned and picked up the child, he noticed the child's breathing was different. The father then brought the child to the Chambersburg Hospital Emergency Department. The child had an irregular temperature and was lethargic. There were marks on the child's chest that appeared as though someone had pushed down on his chest with knuckles or fingers. The child was transferred to Hershey Medical Center, where it was revealed that the child had also sustained surface bleeding around and in between the two hemispheres of his brain. There was also bruising around the child's eyes and chest that were symptomatic of abuse. Medical staff reported that the severity of the child's brain injuries were not consistent with a fall.

While in the hospital, the child had complications from abnormal blood clotting and experienced seizures that were difficult to control, but he improved days later after doctors were able to find the best medication and dosages to treat the child. The child remained in the hospital until July 27, 2016. He was released to the care of his mother who had moved out of the father's apartment. The child and his mother now reside with the mother's parents and the father is only permitted supervised contact. The family is receiving ongoing protective services as a result of this incident. Charges were filed against the father and the criminal investigation is ongoing at this time.

The family was not known to the agency prior to this incident and there are no other children in the home. The father has another child who resides with her mother. Cumberland CYS conducted a safety assessment and developed a safety plan to ensure the safety of this child.

Lehigh County

24. A 2-year-old male child nearly died on July 23, 2016, as a result of physical abuse. Lehigh County Office of Children and Youth Services (Lehigh OCYS) indicated the case on September 21, 2016, naming the child's babysitter as the perpetrator. The child was brought to the hospital for an alleged accidental fall down 15 carpeted stairs. The incident occurred at the babysitter's home and he was the sole caretaker of the child during the time the injuries occurred. The babysitter stated that the mother was at work. When interviewed by Lehigh OCYS, the babysitter stated that the child woke up and was banging on his door. When the babysitter opened the door, the child kicked him, ran past him, and then must have fallen down the stairs. The babysitter denied intentionally causing the injuries to the child. He reported that his paramour was still asleep in his bedroom when the incident occurred. The babysitter reported that when the child arrived at his home the night before, the only bruises present were on the child's knee. He stated the child also had a red mark on his forehead and that this was from the child bumping his head on a coffee table at his primary home. The babysitter stated the child was first taken to an urgent care center, but the center would not treat the child because the child's mother was not present. The child was then brought to the Lehigh Valley Hospital Cedar Crest emergency room, where the mother met them.

The child was examined for head trauma and it was determined that he suffered from an intracranial bleed, a subdural hematoma, scattered bruises on his head and back, and linear marks on his wrist and ankle. The child was admitted to the pediatric intensive care unit and the child's doctor determined that his injuries were not consistent with a fall down the stairs. The child was discharged from the hospital on July 29, 2016, and was placed with his father in South Carolina after his father sought and received an emergency custody order following the incident. The child is scheduled to return to Pennsylvania before the end of December 2016, as part of a joint custody arrangement that places him in a monthly rotation of care between the father and the mother. Lehigh OCYS will provide ongoing general protective services to the family and the child continues to have follow-up appointments with neurology.

The babysitter's paramour has a 5-year-old child who resides in the home with her and the babysitter. Lehigh OCYS assessed the safety of this child and implemented a safety plan to protect this child. As part of the safety safety plan, this child and his mother moved to the home of a family member.

The victim child and his mother were not known to Lehigh OCYS at the time of the incident but were previously known to Berks County due to a general protective services report received in August 2015. The report alleged concerns for the mother's behavioral health but was closed after the initial assessment and no services were provided. The babysitter is currently incarcerated and charged with aggravated assault, simple assault, and reckless endangerment.

Mercer County

25. A 3-month-old male child nearly died on August 23, 2016, as a result of physical abuse and serious physical neglect. Mercer County Children and Youth Services (Mercer CYS) indicated the case on September 14, 2016, naming the child's father as the perpetrator for physical abuse and the mother as the perpetrator for physical abuse and serious physical neglect. On August 23, 2016, the mother contacted the child's pediatrician to report the child was breathing unusually and had not consumed more than four ounces in 13 hours. The child was spitting up and his arms and eyes were twitching. The pediatrician advised the mother and the maternal grandmother to take the child to Grove City Medical Center. While at the medical center, the child stopped breathing and was intubated. He was diagnosed with multiple subdural hematomas. The child was also having seizures and needed to be placed on a mechanical ventilator. He was immediately transferred via medical helicopter to Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh (CHP) where he underwent surgery to relieve the pressure building in his brain. As a result of the abuse the child sustained multiple retinal hemorrhages, brain injuries due to lack of oxygen, two fractures of his right leg, and medical testing also determined that he experienced three strokes during his hospitalization. Mercer CYS took custody of the child on September 9, 2016. The child was discharged from the hospital to the Children's Home of Pittsburgh on September 14, 2016, to receive services to address additional feeding issues. Upon his release from the Children's Home of Pittsburgh, twelve days later, he was placed into foster care. He is receiving early

intervention services due to potentially being visually and hearing impaired. He continues to be seen by physicians from neurology and ophthalmology.

Initially, the father reported that the child had choked on formula the evening prior to his hospitalization. The father patted on the child's back, and the child was able to spit up the formula. The father was waiting on the front porch for the mother to return home from work when the child's head fell onto the father's collar bone. The child's breathing became shallow and the father stated he gave the child cardiopulmonary resuscitation for approximately one minute and the child was revived. When the mother returned home from work, she noticed the child was staring off and unable to focus while the father was holding him. After trying for approximately 10 to 15 minutes to convince the father to allow her to hold the child, the mother was able to get him to focus on her when she touched his face. That night, the child had a restless night and woke up crying multiple times. He would not eat with the exception of four ounces at 3:30 AM. The child settled around 6:00 AM and did not wake until around 12:00 PM, when the maternal grandmother, who resided in the home, noticed the child's arms were limp. The mother then called the pediatrician who advised her to transport the child immediately to the local emergency room.

Both parents were interviewed by the Pennsylvania State Police. The father denied any knowledge of how the child sustained his injuries but the mother confessed she witnessed the father shake the child the night prior to the child's hospitalization. The mother reported the child awoke crying in the middle of the night and the father picked up the child and shook him, throwing him back into his crib face down. Later, the father sat on the edge of the bed and shook the child again, throwing him into a pile of blankets. The mother confessed that she had also seen the father shake the child prior to this incident on more than one occasion and that this behavior began when the child was only three weeks old.

The child currently remains in foster care. The mother is court ordered to have a psychological evaluation, participate in therapeutic services and to participate in parenting classes. She has supervised visits with the child and the father has no contact with the child. The father has two other children who reside with their mother. Mercer CYS conducted a safety assessment to ensure the safety of these two children. The family had no prior history with child welfare. On August 29, 2016, the father was arrested and charged with aggravated assault, endangering the welfare of a child, simple assault and recklessly endangering another person. He is incarcerated and is awaiting trial. No criminal charges have been filed against the mother as the criminal investigation is still ongoing.

Northampton County

26. An 8-month-old male child nearly died on August 5, 2016 as a result of physical abuse. Northampton County Children, Youth and Families Division (Northampton CYFD) indicated the case on September 29, 2016, naming an unknown perpetrator. The mother brought the child to the hospital on August 5, 2016, after the child had reportedly fallen off the bed. A computerized axial tomography (CT) scan of the

head revealed acute subdural hematoma with evidence for chronic subdural hematoma which is indicative of non-accidental trauma. The child also had retinal hemorrhaging and a small bruise on his forehead and on the back of the head. The parents reported that on the day of the incident, the father had just gone into the bathroom to get ready to shower and the mother was in the bedroom with the child, who was on the bed. The father reported that while in the bathroom, he heard a thump and the child began to cry. The mother reported that she did not see the child fall or land as he was on the opposite side of the bed from where she was, but also heard the thump. Both parents reported that while they were trying to console the child, he went limp, his arms fell to his side, and he had difficulty holding his head up. The family drove the child immediately to St. Luke's Anderson Campus emergency room. The child was transferred to Lehigh Valley Cedar Crest Hospital where he remained hospitalized until August 12, 2016. Medical professionals differed on opinions as to whether the fall from the bed could be consistent with the injuries sustained. Northampton CYFD indicated the case with an unknown perpetrator. The child continues to be monitored and is reportedly doing well at this time. He is not receiving any treatment or services as a result of the incident.

There were no other children in the home. Northampton CYFD initially implemented a safety plan that placed the child with the paternal grandmother but the child was returned to the parents on September 6, 2016. The family now resides with the paternal grandfather and is receiving ongoing general protective services from the agency. The family was not known to Northampton CYFD prior to the incident. However, the family was involved with Florida Division of Youth and Families at the time of the child's birth due to the child testing positive for marijuana. The case was closed after an initial assessment and no services were provided. The criminal investigation is ongoing.

27. A 2-week-old female child nearly died on July 2, 2016, as a result of physical abuse. Northampton County Children, Youth and Families Division (Northampton CYFD) indicated the report on August 31, 2016, naming the child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On July 2, 2016, the child was in the care of maternal relatives when they noticed twitching on the child's right side and that she was not consuming more than two ounces of formula. The maternal relatives contacted a nurse helpline and were told to take the child to the emergency room. The relatives dropped the child off at the parents' work and the parents then took the child to St. Luke's Hospital. The child was then transported via helicopter to St. Christopher's Hospital in Philadelphia. A computerized axial tomography (CT) scan showed bleeding between two of the membranes that surround the brain and a nine millimeter shift of the brain past its center line. The injuries were suspicious of head trauma and several medical professionals determined this was a result of non-accidental trauma. The parents provided inconsistent statements regarding the child's injuries throughout the child abuse investigation. On July 25, 2016, the child was discharged from the hospital and placed in medical level foster care, where she remains. The child is receiving early intervention services and follow-up medical care.

The child has one other sibling who is currently in kinship foster care, where he was placed due to an investigation in the summer of 2015. The sibling was an infant at the time of this physical abuse investigation and both parents were indicated as perpetrators. The family was still receiving services from Northampton CYFD at the time of the incident in 2016, but Northampton CYFD was not aware of the victim child's existence until the date of this incident as the parents had concealed the pregnancy. Both cases remain under criminal investigation. The parents currently have supervised visits with both children and are receiving individual counseling, visit coaching, and parenting skills training. The current permanency goal for the victim child is reunification.

Philadelphia County

28. A 1-month-old female child nearly died on June 29, 2016, as a result of physical abuse. Philadelphia County Department of Human Services (Philadelphia DHS) indicated the case on July 25, 2016, naming the child's mother and father as the perpetrators. The child was taken by ambulance to Albert Einstein Medical Center after she was found by her parents to be in a lethargic and unresponsive state while in the home. She was evaluated and then transferred to St. Christopher's Hospital for Children (St. Christopher's) for more specialized pediatric medical care. The child received a Magnetic Resonance Imaging Scan (MRI) which determined that the child had a sub-acute subdural hematoma found in the area of the frontal lobe which was consistent with non-accidental trauma. A retinal scan of both eyes determined the child to have bilateral hemorrhages indicative of being shaken. The child's injuries suggested that the child suffered an inflicted traumatic brain injury. When interviewed for the investigation, both parents denied causing the child's injuries. They admitted that they were the primary caregivers and denied that other family members cared for the child on the night of the incident. The parents provided different details of the activities that took place that night and were unable to explain the child's injuries.

On July 8, 2016, Philadelphia DHS was granted custody of the child at which time the child was discharged from St Christopher's and placed with the paternal grandmother, where she remains. The mother and the father have supervised visits with the child on a regular basis and are receiving services with the goal of reunification. The family had no prior history with Philadelphia DHS and there are no other children in the home. A criminal investigation is pending and no arrests have been made. The child continues to attend primary care visits, neurological and ophthalmology appointments and is reported to be doing well.

Westmoreland County

29. A 3-month-old male child nearly died on June 27, 2016, as a result of physical abuse. The Westmoreland County Children's Bureau (Westmoreland CCB) indicated the case on August 31, 2016, naming the child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the morning of June 27, 2016, the mother awoke around 10:00 AM, but the child was still asleep which was unusual. The child woke up around 10:30 AM, but was acting fussy which was out of character for him. The child

consumed his morning feeding, but his crying was weak and his mother thought that he appeared to not be feeling well. Due to her concerns, she scheduled an emergency doctor's appointment for that afternoon. While bathing the child, the mother had difficulty keeping the child awake, and his eyes appeared different due to his pupils being smaller.

Upon arrival at the pediatrician's office, the child was transported via ambulance to Conemaugh Hospital. The child stopped breathing and had to be intubated. He was transferred immediately to Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh (CHP), where he was hospitalized in the Intensive Care Unit for two days before he was discharged back to his parents' care. Through blood tests, it was determined on July 7, 2016, the child had tested positive for buprenorphine. A child protective service report was made after the blood results showed the child was provided a potentially lethal dosage of this substance.

The parents are both prescribed buprenorphine and claim they cut their pills in half in accordance to their prescribing physician. The child does not have the ability to grasp, so someone would have had to administer the drug for it to get into the child's system. The child's parents and his siblings all denied giving the child the medication. All of the children remain in their parents' care. The family is receiving services for parenting, stress management and supervision. The family was known to Westmoreland CCB. The agency received nine general protective services reports between January 2011 and June 2016. The prior reports were due to concerns for parental substance abuse and mental health issues. All of the cases with the exception of one were closed at intake. One case was opened for general protective services for a period of two years during this time frame to provide the mother with drug and alcohol treatment and the children with therapy. No criminal charges have been filed regarding this incident.