



Summary Report	Fatality	03/01/2023
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1. Victim: Liam Figueroa – 1-year-old male

2. Was the child residing in the child's home or in an out-of-home placement at the time of the fatality?

The child was residing in his home when the following incident occurred:

On July 22, 2020, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 1-year-old Liam Figueroa who had drowned in a bathtub at his home. The child was transported to the hospital, where he was pronounced deceased. On February 09, 2022, the Department substantiated the allegations of neglect towards Liam Figueroa by his parents, Sandra Randall and Angel Figueroa.

3. If the victim in the Preliminary Report involved a child residing in the child's home, the following information will be provided:

a. Services being provided to the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect at the time of the incident and the date of the last contact before the incident between the entity providing services and the person receiving services:

There were no services being provided to the family by the Department of Child Safety at the time of the incident.

b. Was the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect the subject of a report for investigation at the time of the incident?

No.

c. All involvement of the child's parents and of the person suspected of the abuse or neglect in a situation for which a report for investigation was made or in services provided pursuant to this chapter in the five years preceding the incident:

DCS received the following prior reports involving Sandra Randall and Angel Figueroa:

On February 16, 2008, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by Sandra Randall. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The family declined services offered by the Department. The case was closed on December 9, 2008.

On March 2, 2012, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their mother and father, Angel Figueroa. Following an assessment of child safety, the child was taken into custody and placed in a licensed foster home. A dependency petition was filed with the Maricopa County Superior Court on March 7, 2012. The family was provided with services. The allegation was substantiated against Angel Figueroa. Ultimately, the child was reunified with the mother and the dependency matter was dismissed on June 7, 2013 and the case was closed on July 15, 2013.

On April 11, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to Liam Figueroa by his mother, Sandra Randall. The family was referred for in-home services however the family refused to participate. The allegation as Sandra Randall was unsubstantiated and the case was closed on August 27, 2019.

d. Any investigation pursuant to a report for investigation concerning the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect or services provided to the child or the child's family since the date of the incident involving the fatality:

The report regarding the fatality incident was investigated and the case was closed on October 19, 2020. The allegations of neglect to Liam Figueroa by his parents were substantiated. There were no subsequent reports of abuse or neglect received involving this family.

4. If the victim in the Preliminary Report involved a child residing in an out-of-home placement, the following information will be provided:

a. Licensing Agency:

N/A

b. Licensing history of the out-of-home placement, including the type of license held by the operator of the placement and the period for which the placement has been licensed:

N/A

c. Summary of all violations by the licensee:

N/A

d. Any other actions by the licensee or an employee of the licensee that constitute a substantial failure to protect and promote the health, safety and welfare of a child.

N/A

5. Actions taken by the Department in response to the case including any changes to policy or practice and/or recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes:

The Department conducted a joint investigation with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office. There were no other children in the home and the case was closed on October 19, 2020. The allegations of neglect to Liam Figueroa by his mother, Sandra Randall, and his father, Angel Figueroa, were substantiated. There were no subsequent reports of abuse or neglect received involving this family. There were no services provided to the family.

The Department reminds all caregivers to always watch children around water. For information and additional resources, please visit the Arizona Department of Health Services website at:

<http://www.azdhs.gov/prevention/womens-childrens-health/injury-prevention/drowning-prevention/index.php>

Additionally, in accordance with the DCS Strategic Plan for State Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16), multidisciplinary team (MDT) reviews of fatality and near fatality cases were implemented during the first quarter of FY16. The MDT reviews fatality and near fatality cases with prior DCS involvement, which are a key feature of the Strategic Plan and supports the objective of increasing the accuracy of safety and risk assessments in investigations.

Cases are reviewed by the MDT in order to identify any systemic factors, both internal and external to the Department that may have had an impact. The Department uses the aggregate data gathered through all of the MDT reviews to assess and guide future changes and/or recommendations to policies, practices, rules or statutes. Findings from these reviews are compiled into an annual report to be shared on the DCS website. The target date for release of the next report is December 1, 2023.