

<b>Summary Report</b>	<b>Near Fatality</b>	<b>06/19/2024</b>
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**1. Victim:** 2-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 near fatality?**

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

On April 18, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 2-year-old male who was taken to the hospital for a fentanyl overdose. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in serious condition needing multiple doses of Narcan. On April 25, 2022, the Department filed a dependency petition with the Yavapai County Superior Court. On June 24, 2022, the court found that the mother, Amanda Harbeson, neglected the child. On April 21, 2022, Amanda Harbeson was charged with one count of child abuse per domestic violence. On June 2, 2022, Amanda Harbeson was convicted of one count of child abuse per domestic violence.

**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:**

No services were being provided to the family prior to the April 18, 2022, near fatality incident. At the time of the near fatality incident, an investigation of the family was in progress based on a report dated March 21, 2022. The last date of contact between the Department and the family was on March 25, 2022.

**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?**

The mother, Amanda Harbeson, another adult, and the near fatality victim were subjects of the March 25, 2022, report.

**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 Amanda Harbeson and the near fatality victim:

On May 28, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by the mother, Amanda Harbeson. The investigation assessed the child as safe and the allegation was unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on services available in the community and the case was closed on June 13, 2019.

On March 21, 2022, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by the mother, Amanda Harbeson, and another adult. An investigation was initiated and was still in progress when the near fatality incident occurred.

DCS received the following prior report involving the near fatality victim's father:

On February 14, 2019, a report was received alleging physical abuse to a child by the father and another adult. The Department assessed the child as safe and the allegation was unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on services available in the community and the case was closed on March 12, 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 near fatality:**

The investigation of the near fatality report resulted in the child being removed from the home and being placed with a relative. There were no other children in the home. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Yavapai County Superior Court. On June 24, 2022, the court found that the mother, Amanda Harbeson, neglected the child. On June 2, 2022, the child's mother, Amanda Harbeson, was convicted of one count of child abuse per domestic violence. The parents were offered and participated in services. The child reunified with their mother and the dependency was dismissed on December 20, 2023. No subsequent reports of abuse or neglect were received regarding the 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 Camp Verde Police Department. Upon release from the hospital, the near fatality victim was removed and placed with a relative. There were no other children in the home. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Yavapai County Superior Court. On June 24, 2022, the court found that the mother, Amanda Harbeson, neglected the child. On June 2, 2022, Amanda Harbeson was convicted of one count of child abuse per domestic violence. The parents were offered and participated in services. The child reunified with their mother and the dependency was dismissed on December 20, 2023. No subsequent reports of abuse or neglect were received regarding the family.

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, 2024.