



<b>Summary Report</b>	<b>Near Fatality</b>	<b>08/21/2019</b>
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**1. Victim:** 10 month 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 November 10, 2018, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 10 month old child who had been taken to the hospital. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in critical condition due to ingestion of methamphetamines. On November 8, 2018, prior to receiving the near fatality report, the Department filed a dependency petition and pick up order in Maricopa County Juvenile Court due concerns for the children's safety based on the open reports from October 25, 2018 and October 27, 2018 and the children's whereabouts were unknown. On May 2, 2019, it was determined through a dependency proceeding that the mother, Emilia Infante, had neglected the near fatality victim by failing to provide for his basic needs.

**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:**

Although no services were being provided prior to the November 10, 2018 near fatality report, the family was being investigated for open reports from October 25, 2018 and October 27, 2018. An investigation was initiated and efforts were made to locate the family without success. The Department was continuing efforts to locate the family when the report of the near fatality incident was received.

**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?**

Emilia Infante, the mother, the father, the near fatality victim, and a sibling were subjects of the October 25, 2018 and October 27, 2018 reports.

**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:**

The child's mother, Emilia Infante, and the father were involved in the following:

On February 13, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by the mother, Emilia Infante. The allegation was substantiated. The family was provided with information on services available in the community and the case was closed.

On June 14, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to a sibling and the near fatality victim by the mother, Emilia Infante. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on services available in the community and the case was closed.



On October 25, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to a sibling and the near fatality victim by the mother, Emilia Infante. An investigation was initiated and efforts were made to locate the family without success. The Department was continuing efforts to locate the family when the report of the near fatality incident was received. The report was later substantiated at the time the children were brought into foster care.

On October 27, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to a sibling and the near fatality victim by the mother, Emilia Infante. An investigation was initiated and efforts were made to locate the family without success. The Department was continuing efforts to locate the family when the report of the near fatality incident was received. The report was later substantiated at the time the children were brought into foster care.

**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 resulted in the other child in the home being placed in licensed foster care and later with relatives. The victim was also placed in foster care upon release from the hospital. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Juvenile Court and services are being provided. No subsequent reports have been received.

**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:**

A joint investigation with the El Mirage Police Department was conducted. The Department removed a sibling from the home and filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Juvenile Court. The other child was placed in out of home care and later placed with relatives. Upon release from the hospital, the near fatality victim was also placed in foster care. Services are being provided by the Department. No subsequent reports received.

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 of fatality and near fatality cases, especially those with



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prior DCS involvement, are a key feature of the Strategic Plan and support 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, 2019.

For more information regarding the Department of Child Safety's Strategic Plan for State Fiscal Year 2016, please visit the DCS website.