

Summary Report	Near Fatality	03/14/2023
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Amendments to the information originally posted on 11/23/21 are displayed below in red.

1. Victim: 8-month-old female

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 her home when the following incident occurred:

On June 7, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding an 8-month-old female who was taken to the hospital after nearly drowning in a bathtub. The child was in the care of her mother, Jocelyn Adrianson, **and another adult, Cassandra Mata**. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in critical condition. On June 28, 2021, the Department filed a dependency petition with the Pima County Superior Court. The court granted the dependency on August 26, 2021, and the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect by Jocelyn Adrianson. **On March 14, 2022, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect by Cassandra Mata.**

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:

There has been no prior DCS reports involving Jocelyn Adrianson or the child's father in the preceding five years.

DCS received the following prior reports involving Cassandra Mata:

On February 8, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to multiple children by Ms. Mata. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed after the family was provided with resources within the community.

On April 17, 2020, a report was received alleging neglect to multiple children by Ms. Mata. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

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 placed with a relative after her release from the hospital. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Pima County Superior Court and is providing services to the family. The court granted the dependency on August 26, 2021, and the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect by Jocelyn Adrianson. No subsequent reports of abuse or neglect have been received involving the family.

Additionally, Ms. Mata's children were removed from the home after the near fatality report and placed in foster care. On March 14, 2022, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect to the near fatality victim by Cassandra Mata.

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 Tucson Police Department. Upon release from the hospital, the near fatality victim was placed with a relative. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Pima County Superior Court and is providing services to the family. The court granted the dependency on August 26, 2021, and the Department substantiated the

allegation of neglect by Jocelyn Adrianson. No subsequent reports of abuse or neglect have been received involving the family.

Additionally, Ms. Mata's children were removed from the home after the near fatality report and placed in foster care. On March 14, 2022, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect to the near fatality victim by Cassandra Mata.

The Department reminds all caregivers to always watch children around water and follow the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) Pool Safety Recommendations.

For more information, please visit the ADHS website at:
http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/oeh/pool_rules.htm.

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 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.

This case was 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 is using 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 will be compiled into an annual report to be shared on the DCS website. The release of this report was December 1, 2021.