



Summary Report	Near Fatality	01/23/2024
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1. Victim: two-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 December 22, 2021 the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 2-year-old child who was taken to the hospital by ambulance after becoming unresponsive at home. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in critical condition due to fentanyl ingestion. On August 6, 2023, the Department substantiated the allegations of neglect to the child by their grandparents, Leslie Davis and Phillip Chambers, and by their mother, Keshia Chambers.

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 were no prior DCS reports involving Phillip Chambers as an alleged perpetrator.

DCS received the following prior reports involving the child's mother, Keshia Chambers, and the grandmother, Leslie Davis in the five years preceding the near fatality incident:

On December 11, 2018, a report was received alleging physical abuse to a child by Keshia Chambers. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed on April 10, 2019. The family was provided with information for resources available in the community.

On August 8, 2020, a report was received alleging neglect and physical abuse to the child and their siblings by their grandmother, Leslie Davis, and another adult. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The case was closed on November 13, 2020. The family was offered and declined daycare and community resources.

On March 24, 2021, a report was received alleging neglect to the child by another adult. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The investigation was still in progress when the next report was received.

On April 10, 2021, a report was received alleging neglect and physical abuse to the child by his mother, Keshia Chambers, and his grandmother, Leslie Davis. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed on June 1, 2021. The family was offered and declined services.

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:

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 Phoenix Police Department. Following an assessment of child safety, the near fatality victim and their siblings were

assessed as safe in the home. The Department provided in-home services to the family. The family successfully completed offered services and the case was closed on September 16, 2022. On August 6, 2023, the Department substantiated the allegations of neglect to the child by their grandparents, Leslie Davis and Phillip Chambers, and by their mother, Keshia Chambers. There were 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.