

Information for Release		5/14/2012
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Date of the notification to CPS: 1/27/2012

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 1/27/2012

Child's name: Jacob

Age at time of incident: 2 Months

Perpetrator(s): Unknown

Age: Unknown

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): At the time of the incident the child was living in Mesa, Arizona.

A. Circumstances of the fatality or near fatality that indicate it was the result of abuse or neglect:

On or about January 27, 2012, Jacob was found unresponsive and had to be taken to the emergency room. He had two subdural hematomas and retinal hemorrhaging consistent with "Shaken Baby Syndrome." Jacob had been in the care of multiple adult caregivers within the 24 hours prior. The perpetrator has not been determined.

B. Whether CPS has received any reports or past cases of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child and the current alleged abusive or neglectful parent, guardian or custodian* :

CPS has not received any prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Jacob.

1. Actions taken by CPS in response to the fatality or near fatality of the child including:

CPS is investigating the allegations through a joint investigation with the Mesa Police Department.

2. Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:

Following an assessment of child safety, one sibling was allowed to remain in the home with a safety monitor. Jacob was released from the hospital and placed with a relative.

3. Whether the agency is or intends to provide direct services or service referrals to the family:

Services being provided to the family include Intensive in-home family preservation services, individual counseling, psychological evaluation, TERROS, community resources and case management.

*Posted information provides whether there have been reports or any current or past cases of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child who has died or suffered a near fatality and the current alleged abusive or neglectful parent, guardian or custodian pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807(F)(2)(a)(iv).

Information, if any, regarding other family or household members and the child or the alleged perpetrator is not posted on the Web site. Calls to the Child Abuse Hotline that do not meet the criteria of a report because they do not contain allegations of abuse or neglect (or because there is no information provided to locate the child or family) are not posted.