

## Statement on the death of a one-day-old girl

**Issue Date: June 4, 2020**

On December 30, 2019, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the death of a one-day-old girl, Charlotte Richardson.

Charlotte was born at home and died shortly thereafter.

Charlotte's mother, Michelle Wimberly, admitted to using "oxy's" while pregnant with her daughter.

The Pima County Medical Examiner determined Charlotte died from the toxic effects of methamphetamine and morphine.

DCS immediately took custody of Charlotte's sibling and placed the child in foster care.

The Department filed a dependency petition with the Pima County Juvenile Court on January 3, 2020.

On March 30, 2020, the court determined Ms. Wimberly's neglect resulted in Charlotte's death.

The Department is currently providing services to the family.

DCS has the following history with Ms. Wimberly:

On June 27, 2019, the Department received a report alleging Ms. Wimberly and the father neglected Charlotte's sibling. According to the report, Ms. Wimberly and the father were using illicit drugs in the home. The Department attempted to contact the family, but they were not living at the address provided in the report. The Department made numerous attempts to locate the family, including working with Oregon Child Protective Services – Department of Human Services, after receiving information the family was living there, but DCS investigators were ultimately unable to contact them. In August 2020, it was determined the family was no longer in Arizona and the case was closed.

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