

## Statement on the death of a 9-month-old boy

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On August 17, 2019, the Arizona Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 9-month-old boy, Indigo Baez.

Indigo was taken to the hospital in critical condition after drowning in a bathtub in the family home.

The Department removed Indigo's siblings from the home and placed them with a relative. The Department filed a dependency petition as to Indigo and his siblings on August 21, 2019.

Indigo passed away on September 29, 2019.

On October 8, 2019, the court granted the dependency petition in regards to Indigo's siblings. As a result, the Department substantiated the allegations of neglect to Indigo's parents, Lorimar and Ramon Baez.

The Department is currently providing services to the family.

DCS has the following history with the family:

On May 30, 2017, the Department received a report alleging Ms. Baez neglected Indigo's sibling. According to the report, Ms. Baez's newborn baby tested positive for THC. The investigation did not uncover evidence to support removing children from the home. The Department provided the family with community services and other resources. The report was substantiated and the case was closed.

On February 2, 2018, the Department received a report alleging Ms. Baez neglected Indigo's siblings. According to the report, Ms. Baez was smoking marijuana with the children in the home. The investigation did not find evidence to support the allegation. The report was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On October 25, 2018, the Department received a report alleging Ms. Baez neglected Indigo. According to the report, Indigo tested positive for THC when he was born. The report was substantiated and the Department offered the family in-home services. The case was closed on August 9, 2019, after the family completed the voluntary services.