



## **Statement on the death of a one-year-old boy**

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On June 2, 2021, the Arizona Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the death of 1-year-old Hendrix Chovnick. The child was in the care of his parents when he drowned in the family's pool.

Following an assessment of child safety, the siblings were assessed as safe with their parents.

On November 5, 2021, the Department substantiated the allegations of neglect by the parents, Jennifer Carlson and Josh Chovnick.

DCS received the following prior reports involving Mr. Chovnick:

On March 13, 2017, the Department received a report alleging physical abuse to a child by Mr. Chovnick. The report alleged Mr. Chovnick became angry and threw the child. The investigation did not find evidence to support the allegation and the case was closed.

On September 25, 2017, the Department received a report alleging physical abuse to a child by Mr. Chovnick. The report alleged Mr. Chovnick slapped the child multiple times during an argument. The investigation did not find evidence to support the allegation and the child was not observed to have any injuries. The case was closed on October 19, 2017.