

## **Statement on the near fatality of a two-year-old boy**

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On May 5, 2020, the Arizona Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the near fatality of a two-year-old boy.

The child was found unresponsive in his home and taken to the hospital.

Doctors determined the child sustained multiple injuries and was in critical condition.

Glendale police officers arrested the child's mother, Raejene Dixon, for child abuse.

DCS immediately removed the other children living in the home and placed them in foster care.

The near fatality victim was removed and the Department filed a dependency petition for all children on May 11, 2020, with the Maricopa County Superior Court alleging abuse and neglect.

The near fatality victim is currently in the hospital.

DCS will continue providing services to the family.

The Department has the following history with Ms. Dixon and the near fatality victim:

On September 22, 2017, the Department received a report alleging the near fatality victim was neglected by Ms. Dixon and his father. According to the report, Ms. Dixon tested positive for marijuana during her prenatal doctor visits. When the near fatality victim was born, both he and Ms. Dixon tested negative for marijuana. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegation. Ms. Dixon was provided with daycare services. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.