

Statement on the near fatality of a one-year-old girl

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On June 18, 2020, the Arizona Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the near fatality of a one-year-old girl.

The child was taken to the hospital after ingesting methamphetamine, ecstasy and possibly fentanyl while in the care of her mother, Kayla Horton.

DCS removed the other children living in the home and placed them with a relative.

DCS filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Superior Court on June 23, 2020.

After the near fatality victim was released from the hospital, DCS placed the child with her siblings.

On July 30, 2020, the court ruled the mother, Kayla Horton, neglected the near fatality victim and her siblings.

DCS is currently providing services to the family.

DCS has the following history with Ms. Horton and the child's father:

On October 06, 2018, the Department received a report alleging Ms. Horton neglected, and the child's father physically abused and neglected, the near fatality victim and her sibling. The report alleged the mother and father engaged in a domestic violence incident with the children present. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegations. Since the mother was not living with the father, DCS assessed the children as safe with their mother. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The family successfully participated in DCS in-home services provided by the Department and the case was closed.