



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

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On September 15, 2018, the Arizona Department of Child Safety received a neglect report regarding the near fatality of a three-year-old girl.

Earlier that day, the child almost drowned in the family's swimming pool.

She was transported to a hospital where doctors determined she was in critical condition.

At the time of the incident, the near fatality victim was in the care of her father, Alan Petersen.

A DCS investigation determined Mr. Petersen was not properly supervising the child, which led to the child nearly drowning.

The Department substantiated the report on June 20, 2019.

While there was not sufficient evidence to remove the child from the home, the family received in-home services from the Department and successfully completed them.

The child and her family have the following DCS history:

On February 12, 2018, the Department received a neglect report alleging Mr. Petersen and the child's mother neglected the near fatality victim. According to the report, the three-year-old girl was found wandering around her neighborhood unsupervised. While the DCS investigation determined the parents did not properly supervise the child, there was not enough evidence to warrant removing the child from the home. The allegation was substantiated and the case was closed.