



## **Statement on the near fatality of a seven-year-old girl**

**Issue Date: July 12, 2019**

On July 12, 2018, the Arizona Department of Child Safety received a neglect report regarding the near fatality of a 7-year-old girl.

The child had been admitted to the hospital in critical condition due to extremely high blood sugar levels.

The DCS investigation revealed that the child's parents, Zachary Taylor and Sarah Taylor, had neglected her medical needs resulting in the near fatality.

The Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Juvenile Court.

After the child was released from the hospital, she was placed in a licensed foster care.

The other children living in the home were assessed as safe with the parents.

On March 1, 2019, the court ruled Mr. and Ms. Taylor had neglected the near fatality victim.

The family continues to receive DCS services.

DCS has the following history involving Mr. Taylor, Ms. Taylor, and/or the near fatality victim:

On August 29, 2006, the Department received a report alleging that Ms. Taylor had neglected a sibling of the near fatality victim. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegation. The family agreed to participate in in-home services. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On August 26, 2015, the Department received a report alleging Mr. Taylor and Ms. Taylor neglected the near fatality victim and a sibling of the near fatality victim. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegations. The family agreed to participate in in-home services. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On October 24, 2016, the Department received a report alleging Mr. Taylor neglected a sibling of the near fatality victim. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegation. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

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On March 6, 2017, the Department received a report alleging Mr. Taylor and Ms. Taylor neglected a sibling of the near fatality victim. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegations. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.