

Statement on the death of 6-week-old, Kellan Webb

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On February 24, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the fatality of 6-week-old Kellan Webb, who was transported to the hospital after being found unresponsive in an adult bed while co-sleeping with his mother, Shannon Webb, another adult, and a dog. The child was pronounced deceased at the hospital. Kellan's post-mortem toxicology results returned positive for methamphetamines.

There were no other children in the home.

On August 29, 2024, the Department substantiated the allegations of neglect to Kellan by his mother, Shannon Webb.

There were no services provided by the Department and the case was closed.

DCS received the following prior reports involving Ms. Webb:

On November 27, 2010, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Ms. Webb. The report alleged that the child was born substance exposed to marijuana, opiates, and unprescribed Percocet. Following an assessment of child safety, the child was placed with a relative. A dependency petition was filed with juvenile court and the Department provided services to the family. Ms. Webb did not complete the services and her parental rights to the child were terminated. The allegations were substantiated. The dependency matter was still open when the next report was received.

On April 2, 2012, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Ms. Webb. The report alleged that the child was born substance exposed to amphetamine, methamphetamine, and opiates. Following an assessment of child safety, the child was placed in foster care. A dependency petition was filed with juvenile court and the Department provided services to the family. Ms. Webb did not complete the services and her parental rights to the child were terminated. The allegations were substantiated and the case was closed.

On March 12, 2014, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Ms. Webb. The report alleged that the child was born substance exposed to methadone and opiates. Following an assessment of child safety, the child was placed in foster care. A dependency petition was filed with juvenile court and the Department provided services to the family. Ms. Webb did not complete the services and her parental rights to the child were terminated. The allegations were substantiated and the case was closed.

On October 17, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Ms. Webb. The report alleged that the child was born substance exposed to amphetamines and opiates. The investigation determined that Ms. Webb relinquished her parental rights to the child. The child was assessed as safe in the care of alternate caregivers. There were no services provided by the Department. The allegations were substantiated and the case was closed.

On January 5, 2022, a report was received alleging physical abuse to a child by their mother, Ms. Webb. The report alleged that Ms. Webb had hit the child, pulled their hair, and choked the child. The investigation determined the other parent was no longer allowing Ms. Webb into the home following the physical abuse to the child. The allegation was substantiated as to Ms. Webb and the other parent and the child were referred for additional services by the Department.