

Statement on the fatality of a one-year-old boy, Liam Figueroa:

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On July 22, 2020, the Arizona Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the fatality of 1-year-old, Liam Figueroa, who had drowned in a bathtub at home. The child was transported to the hospital, where he was pronounced deceased.

There were no other children in the home.

On February 09, 2022, the Department substantiated the allegations of neglect towards Liam Figueroa by his parents, Sandra Randall and Angel Figueroa.

There were no services provided to the family and the case was closed on October 19, 2020.

DCS received the following prior reports involving Ms. Randall and Mr. Figueroa:

On February 16, 2008, the Department received a report alleging neglect to a child by Ms. Randall. The report alleged Ms. Randall was neglecting the dental and medical needs of a 4-year-old. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegation. The allegation was unsubstantiated. Services were offered to the family but the family declined services. The case was closed on December 9, 2008.

On March 2, 2012, the Department received a report alleging neglect to a child by their mother and father, Mr. Figueroa. The report alleged the child was found wandering and there has been a history of law enforcement finding the child unsupervised. Following an assessment of child safety, the child was taken into custody and placed in a licensed foster home. A dependency petition was filed with the Maricopa County Superior Court on March 7, 2012. The family was provided with services. The allegation was substantiated against Angel Figueroa. Ultimately, the child was reunified with the mother and the dependency matter was dismissed on June 7, 2013 and the case was closed on July 15, 2013.

On April 11, 2019, the Department received a report alleging neglect to Liam Figueroa by Ms. Randall. The report alleged Ms. Randall was in hospital and there was a concern for a positive drug test. It was later determined the positive test may have been a false positive. There were additional alleged concerns that the parents had not visited Liam in the NICU. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegations. The allegation was unsubstantiated. Services were referred to the family but the family declined services. The case was closed on August 27, 2019.