

Statement on the death of newborn Baby Girl Taylor

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On August 7, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the birth of Baby Girl Taylor who passed away while still at the hospital, shortly after her birth.

There were no other children in the home. Parental rights to the child in prior reports were severed and the child was adopted.

The Maricopa Medical Examiner ruled the death due placental abruption in the setting of intrauterine methamphetamine exposure due to maternal drug use.

On April 2, 2025, the Department substantiated the allegations of neglect of Baby Girl Taylor by her mother, Rachelle Lyn Taylor.

There were no services provided to the family and the case was closed on September 2, 2022.

DCS received the following prior reports involving Ms. Taylor:

On December 7, 2008, the Department received a report alleging neglect to a child by Ms. Taylor. The report alleged that, at the time of the child's birth, both the child and Ms. Taylor had tested positive for methamphetamines. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegation. The child was considered safe in the home with mother and another adult. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed on December 9, 2008.

On March 20, 2011, and on March 22, 2011, the Department received reports alleging neglect to a child by Ms. Taylor and another adult. Both reports alleged the child had gotten out of the home and was seen wandering the streets alone. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegations. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The Department provided the family with Family Preservation Program Team (FPPT) and daycare services. The case was closed on April 4, 2011.

On April 21, 2011, the Department received a report alleging neglect to a child by Ms. Taylor. The report alleged the child was found wandering the streets alone. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegation. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The family was still engaging with FPPT services. The case was closed on May 29, 2011.

On May 30, 2011, the Department received a report alleging neglect to a child by Ms. Taylor and other adults. The report alleged Ms. Taylor was being arrested for child endangerment. The child was found walking around the apartment complex alone and unsupervised. The DCS investigation found evidence of neglect. Following an assessment of child safety, the child was removed from the home and placed in a licensed foster home. A dependency petition was filed with the Maricopa Superior Court and the allegations were substantiated. The

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parents failed to remedy the circumstances that brought the child into care and parental rights were severed and the child was adopted. The case closed on February 23, 2015.