

## **Statement on the death of 6-year-old Julius Rainbolt**

**Date Issued: May 7, 2024**

On December 8, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 6-year-old Julius Rainbolt who was hit by a car and later pronounced deceased at the hospital.

There were no other children in the home.

On April 19, 2024, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect to Julius Rainbolt by his father, as Mr. Rainbolt was intoxicated while walking the child across the street when the fatality occurred.

The Department provided the family with information on services available in the community.

DCS received the following prior reports involving Mr. Rainbolt:

On December 28, 2015, the Department received a report alleging neglect to the fatality victim by his mother and father, Adrian Rainbolt. The report alleged the fatality victim was born exposed to methadone and had prenatal positives for methamphetamine. The investigation did find evidence to support the allegations of substance abuse and lack of stability by both parents. The allegations were substantiated and a dependency petition was filed with the Maricopa County Superior Court. The Department provided services to the family and the child reunified with his father pursuant to a court order. The dependency was dismissed on May 25, 2017.