

Statement on the near fatality of an eleven-month-old boy

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On November 23, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding an 11-month-old male involved in a near drowning incident. The child was reported to have been found submerged in the bathtub after Ms. Kozlik left the child and his sibling unsupervised. The child was transported to the hospital and determined to be in critical condition.

The report regarding the near fatality incident was investigated and the child and a sibling were assessed as safe in the home. The case was transferred for in-home case management. The family declined these services and chose to utilize services and resources available in the community. The Department substantiated the allegation of neglect of the child by his mother, Allyson Kozlik. The case was closed on May 3, 2022.

DCS received the following prior reports involving Ms. Kozlik:

On March 7, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to another child in the home by their mother, Ms. Kozlik. The report alleged that Ms. Kozlik used marijuana prior to finding out she was pregnant. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegations. It was reported that Ms. Kozlik and the child were both negative for all substances at the time of birth. The family was offered and declined in-home services from the Department. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed on March 22, 2019.

On May 2, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to another child by their father and mother, Ms. Kozlik. The report alleged physical domestic violence between the parents occurring in front of the sibling, posing concerns for their safety. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegations. It was reported that the father was no longer living in the home and the parents were separated. The Department was unable to contact the father. Ms. Kozlik was provided with information for services available in the community. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed on July 24, 2019.