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Department of Children and Families
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Department of Children and Families
Division of Child Protection and Permanency (CP&P)
Report on Child Fatality or Near Fatality

Information below is provided under authority at NJSA 9:6-8.10a and NJAC 10:133G. Pursuant to federal law at 42 USC 5106a et seq and guidance in the federal Child Welfare Policy Manual, released information is limited to that which is pertinent to the subject fatality or near fatality.

Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): A.J. **Gender:**Female
Date of Birth/Age: 10/16/11 **County of Residence:**Atlantic
23 months

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 9/26/13 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:**9/26/13

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 9/26/13, A.J.'s mother's boyfriend, Joseph Morales (Santiago) was babysitting while her mother was at work. Just before the noon hour, Mr. Morales reported he noticed that A.J. had vomited and appeared unresponsive. Mr. Morales indicated that he tried to get A.J. to expel what was in her mouth and performed CPR. 911 was called and when emergency personnel arrived, they attempted to revive her, and then transported A.J. to the hospital. Upon arrival, A.J. was noted to be in "cardiac arrest," and she passed away on this date. Medical reports revealed that A.J. had bruises on her forehead, abdomen, and chest. In addition, medical staff noted that A.J. had a stomach injury. CP&P completed a Child Protection Service (CPS) investigation and substantiated Mr. Morales for physical abuse/child death.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): None

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

- Open (Date Opened:) Closed (Date Closed:) Not Previously Known
- The victim or family was known to CP&P but the details of such involvement are not pertinent to the fatality or near fatality and not subject to disclosure.

If previously known and the information is pertinent to the fatality or near fatality, the date and disposition of each prior referral:

Types of Service Provided:

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality:

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): J.H. **Gender:** Male
Date of Birth/Age: 8/18/13 **County of Residence:** Passaic
2 mths

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 10/31/13 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:** 10/31/13

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 10/31/13, J.H.'s parents, Jade Hall and Tyreek Saunders, reported that their son was not breathing. 911 was called and J.H. was transported to the hospital. J.H. was noted to be "Dead on Arrival," and he was pronounced at 9:15 a.m. The medical examiner completed an autopsy report and noted multiple fractures to his spine, bleeding in his brain, and a fracture to his rib. J. H.'s death was ruled a homicide. CP&P completed a Child Protection Service (CPS) investigation and substantiated both of J.H.'s parents for physical abuse/child death.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): Male, 9, sibling/In home; Female, 16, sibling/In home;

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

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If previously known and the information is pertinent to the fatality or near fatality, the date and disposition of each prior referral:

Types of Service Provided:

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality:

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality:5/14/2013/Permanency

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Child Fatality **Child Near Fatality**

Victim Information:

Identifier (Initials): A.W. **Gender:**Female
Date of Birth/Age: 1/5/2005/ 8 **County of Residence:**Cumberland
years

Incident Information:

Date of Incident: 5/17/2013 **Date CP&P Notified of Incident:**5/17/2013

Allegation Type: Abuse Neglect

Disposition: Substantiated Suspected/Pending

Description of Incident: On 5/17/2013, A.W. was in the community with a family friend and was hit by a car. She died as a result of her injuries. The family friend was determined to be negligent and CP&P has substantiated her for neglect/child death.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangement (Gender/age of siblings or other children residing with the child victim or perpetrator only): None

Historical Information:

CP&P's Involvement with the Child Victim or Family PRIOR to Fatality or Near Fatality:

- Open (Date Opened:5/9/2013) Closed (Date Closed:) Not Previously Known
- The victim or family was known to CP&P but the details of such involvement are not pertinent to the fatality or near fatality and not subject to disclosure.

If previously known and the information is pertinent to the fatality or near fatality, the date and disposition of each prior referral: On 5/9/2013 an allegation was made involving a different perpetrator. A CPS investigation was completed and the finding was unfounded.

Types of Service Provided:CPS investigation

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality:5/9/2013 Investigative Summary

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality: 1/23/2013/MVR

Newark South LO. On 2/10/2014, a CPS referral was generated due to information provided by the medical examiner's office noting the cause of death as "Blunt Force Trauma. CPS investigative finding was substantiated for physical abuse. This case was closed on 3/19/2014.

Types of Service Provided: CPS investigation, CWS Assessment, Funeral Costs, Consultation

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality:9/17/2013/Investigation Summary

Passaic North LO. On 10/22/2011, it was alleged that M.H.'s mother was caring for his sibling in cold, dusty places and that his mother lacked parenting skills. A CWS Assessment was completed, and the case remained opened for services.

Passaic North LO. On 11/17/2011, a domestic violence incident was reported between M.H.'s mother and his sibling father and that his mother lacked parenting skills. The LO completed a Child Protective Service (CPS) investigation and the finding was unfounded. The case remained opened for services

Passaic North LO. On 1/14/2012, it was reported that M.H.'s mother was violent towards her paramour, and that she did not provide appropriate care to his sibling. A CPS investigation was completed and the finding was unfounded. The case remained opened for services.

Passaic North LO. On 3/15/2012, it was reported that M.H.'s mother was smoking around his sibling, who had been diagnosed with a serious respiratory medical condition. The LO completed a CPS investigation and M.H.'s mother was substantiated for neglect. The case was closed on 7/13/2012.

Passaic North LO. On 11/8/12, it was alleged that M.H.'s mother was residing in a home with no electricity, heat, or food, and she was refusing any assistance. Reportedly, this home had been recently raided by law enforcement due to illegal drug activity. A CWS Assessment was completed by the LO and this case remained opened for services.

Passaic North LO. On 3/11/2013, it was reported that M.H.'s mother lacked parenting skills. An investigation was completed by the LO and the finding was unfounded.

Passaic North LO. On 3/24/2013, it was reported that M.H. had died. This report was initially coded as a CWS but was later upgraded to a CPS referral on 3/25/2013.

Types of Service Provided:Housing, Psychological/Psychiatric evaluation, CPS investigation

Date and type of CP&P's last contact with the child victim prior to fatality or near fatality:3/20/2013/MVR