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Case Number	Categorization	Family Characteristics	Family Characteristics Comments	Panel Determination	Other Qualifiers
F-001-23-C	Undetermined (cause of death or near-death event)	DCBS history; DCBS issues; Financial issues; Lack of family support system ; Lack of regular child care; Language/cultural issues; Other; Overwhelmed Caregiver; Serial relationships	COVID restrictions in 2020 referral resulted in virtual assessments	Other	Manner undetermined/foul play not ruled out
F-024-23-C	Smoke inhalation/fire	DCBS issues; Law enforcement issues; Out of State CPS History; Coroner issues		Other	Manner undetermined/foul play not ruled out
F-027-23-C	Undetermined (cause of death or near-death event)	DCBS issues; Financial issues; Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Criminal history (caregiver); Criminal history (in the home); Law enforcement issues; Substance abuse (in home); Lack of Sleep Plan; Coroner issues	appears the coroner initially reported the death, without disclosing the information the father had been drinking the night before the death. This may reflect a need for additional training regarding the intent of death notification to DCBS	Other	Manner undetermined/foul play not ruled out
F-031-23-C	Abusive head trauma; Physical abuse		Abusive head trauma; Physical abuse		

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F-033-23-C	Other	DCBS history; DCBS issues; Financial issues; Housing instability; Mental health issues (caregiver); Other; Law enforcement issues; Substitute caregiver at time of event	earlier casework with the aunt was impacted by COVID restrictions, and parental use of melatonin in young children is concerning	Other	Manner undetermined/foul play not ruled out
F-036-23-NC	Drowning/near-drowning; Neglect	Supervisional neglect; Unsafe access to deadly means; Bystander issues/opportunities; Mental health issues (caregiver); Environmental neglect		Neglect (general - can include leaving child with unsafe caregiver); Neglect due to unsafe access to deadly/potentially deadly means;	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable
F-039-23-C	Neglect; Overdose/ingestion	Impaired caregiver	Criminal history (caregiver); Criminal history (in the home); DCBS history; DCBS issues; Law enforcement issues; Domestic Violence; Environmental neglect; Financial issues; Housing instability; Neglectful entrustment; Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Unsafe access to deadly means;	Neglect (general - can include leaving child with unsafe caregiver); Neglect (impaired caregiver); Neglect due to unsafe access to deadly/potentially deadly means	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable

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F-044-23-C	Neglect; Overdose/ingestion	Coroner issues; Criminal history (caregiver); Criminal history (in the home); DCBS history; DCBS issues; Domestic Violence; Environmental neglect; Financial issues; Law enforcement issues; Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Substance abuse (in home); Substitute caregiver at time of event ; Supervisional neglect; Unsafe access to deadly means; Medical issues/management	no evidence of a coordinated multidisciplinary approach to this child death investigation	Neglect (general - can include leaving child with unsafe caregiver); Neglect due to unsafe access to deadly/potentially deadly means; Supervisory neglect	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable

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F-049-23-C	Neglect; Overdose/ingestion	Criminal history (caregiver); Criminal history (in the home); DCBS history; DCBS issues; Domestic Violence; Environmental neglect; Failure to thrive; Financial issues; Law enforcement issues; Medical issues/management; Medical neglect; Serial relationships; Substance abuse (in home); Unsafe access to deadly means; Bystander issues/opportunities; Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Housing instability		Neglect (general - can include leaving child with unsafe caregiver); Neglect (medical); Neglect due to unsafe access to deadly/potentially deadly means	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable
F-063-23-PH	SUDI/near- SUDI/apparent life- threatening event; Neglect	Coroner issues; DCBS issues; Environmental neglect; Impaired caregiver; Law enforcement issues; Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Unsafe sleep (other); Overwhelmed Caregiver		Neglect (general - can include leaving child with unsafe caregiver); Neglect (impaired caregiver); Neglect (unsafe sleep)	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable

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NF-004-23-C	Overdose/ingestion; Neglect	Cognitive disability (child); DCBS history; Domestic Violence; Family violence; Substance abuse (in home); Supervisional neglect; Unsafe access to deadly means; Environmental neglect; Financial issues; Lack of treatment (mental health or substance abuse); Mental health issues (caregiver); Mental health issues (child); Overwhelmed Caregiver; Substance abuse by caregiver (current)		Neglect due to unsafe access to deadly/potentially deadly means; Supervisory neglect	Potentially preventable
NF-021-23-C	Abusive head trauma; Neglect; Physical abuse; Other	Bystander issues/opportunities; DCBS history; DCBS issues; Domestic Violence; Evidence of poor bonding; Financial issues; Other; Overwhelmed Caregiver; Language/cultural issues	other (nutritional neglect and emotional abuse)	Other; Physical abuse; Torture	Potentially preventable

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NF-033-23-C	Neglect; Overdose/ingestion	DCBS history; DCBS issues; Education/child care issues; Environmental neglect; Family violence; Financial issues; Law enforcement issues; Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Substance abuse (in home); Unsafe access to deadly means; Substitute caregiver at time of event		Neglect (general - can include leaving child with unsafe caregiver); Neglect due to unsafe access to deadly/potentially deadly means	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable
NF-040-23-C	Neglect	DCBS history; DCBS issues; Education/child care issues; Financial issues; Lack of family support system ; Lack of treatment (mental health or substance abuse); Medical neglect; Medically fragile child; Mental health issues (caregiver); Mental health issues (child); Out of State CPS History; Overwhelmed Caregiver; Supervisional neglect		Neglect (medical); Supervisory neglect	Potentially preventable

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NF-041-23-C	Neglect	DCBS history; DCBS issues; Education/child care issues; Financial issues; Lack of family support system ; Lack of treatment (mental health or substance abuse); Medical neglect; Medically fragile child; Mental health issues (caregiver); Mental health issues (child); Out of State CPS History; Overwhelmed Caregiver; Supervisional neglect		Neglect (medical); Supervisory neglect	Potentially preventable

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NF-042-23-C	Neglect; Overdose/ingestion	Criminal history (caregiver); Criminal history (in the home); DCBS history; DCBS issues; Environmental neglect; Housing instability; Lack of treatment (mental health or substance abuse); Mental health issues (caregiver); Neglectful entrustment; Substance abuse (in home); Unsafe access to deadly means; Financial issues; Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Commonwealth/County Attorneys; Law enforcement issues			Neglect (general - can include leaving child with unsafe caregiver); Neglect due to unsafe access to deadly/potentially deadly means	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable



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NF-070-23-C	Neglect; Physical abuse	Cognitive disability (caregiver); Cognitive disability (child); DCBS history; DCBS issues; Domestic Violence; Education/child care issues; Environmental neglect; Evidence of poor bonding; Financial issues; Lack of treatment (mental health or substance abuse); Medical issues/management; Medical neglect; Medically fragile child; Mental health issues (caregiver); Mental health issues (child); Other; Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Supervisional neglect		Covid	Neglect (general - can include leaving child with unsafe caregiver); Neglect (medical); Physical abuse; Supervisory neglect; Torture	Potentially preventable

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NF-094-23-C	Overdose/ingestion; Neglect	DCBS history; Environmental neglect; Financial issues; MAT involvement; Mental health issues (child); Mental health issues (caregiver); Substance abuse (in home); Unsafe access to deadly means		Neglect due to unsafe access to deadly/potentially deadly means	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable
NF-100-23-NC	Physical abuse; Abusive head trauma	Financial issues; Language/cultural issues; Law enforcement issues		Physical abuse; Abusive head trauma	Potentially preventable
NF-129-23-NC	Neglect	DCBS issues; Language/cultural issues; Medical neglect; Medically fragile child; Overwhelmed Caregiver		Neglect (medical)	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable

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NF-142-23-C	Blunt force trauma - not inflicted MVC; Neglect	Criminal history (caregiver); Criminal history (in the home); Financial issues; Impaired caregiver; Inadequate restraint; Neglectful entrustment; Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Substance abuse (in home); Substitute caregiver at time of event ; DCBS history		Neglect (general - can include leaving child with unsafe caregiver); Neglect (impaired caregiver); Neglect (inadequate/absent child restraint in motor vehicle)	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable
NF-150-23-C	Drowning/near- drowning; Neglect	DCBS history; DCBS issues; Criminal history (caregiver); Criminal history (in the home); Financial issues; Housing instability; Lack of family support system ; Lack of treatment (mental health or substance abuse); Mental health issues (caregiver); Supervisional neglect		Supervisory neglect	Potentially preventable; Apparently accidental

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NF-156-23-C	Neglect	Criminal history (caregiver); Criminal history (in the home); DCBS history; DCBS issues; Domestic Violence; Education/child care issues; Financial issues; Lack of family support system ; Lack of treatment (mental health or substance abuse); Medical neglect; Mental health issues (caregiver); Other; Overwhelmed Caregiver; Supervisional neglect	Nutritional neglect - lack of transportation	Neglect (general - can include leaving child with unsafe caregiver); Neglect (medical); Supervisory neglect	Manner undetermined/foul play not ruled out