

Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel
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Case Number	Categorization	Family Characteristics	Family Characteristics Comments	Panel Determination	Other Qualifiers
F-030-23-C	Drowning/near-drowning; Neglect	DCBS history; DCBS issues; Environmental neglect; Financial issues; Language/cultural issues; Supervisional neglect; Unsafe access to deadly means		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
F-037-23-NC	Neglect; SUDI/near-SUDI/apparent life-threatening event	Coroner issues; Unsafe sleep (cosleeping on a non-bed surface); Law enforcement issues; Perinatal depression (caregiver)		Neglect (unsafe sleep)	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable
F-045-23-NC	Gunshot (accidental); Neglect	DCBS issues; Domestic Violence; Environmental neglect; Financial issues; Medical issues/management; Mental health issues (caregiver); Mental health issues (child); Other; Statutory Issues; Unsafe access to deadly means; Commonwealth/County Attorneys	parent/safe storage information- this case is another example parents sometimes having the well-intended but misguided belief in teaching children "not to touch guns" as an effective prevention strategy. A contributing issue may be a parent's limited understanding to typical child cognitive development.	Neglect due to unsafe access to deadly/potentially deadly means; Neglect (general - can include leaving child with unsafe caregiver)	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable

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F-053-23-PH	Neglect; SUDI/near-SUDI/apparent life-threatening event	DCBS history; DCBS issues; Financial issues; Law enforcement issues; Medical issues/management; Mental health issues (caregiver); Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Unsafe sleep (cosleeping on a non-bed surface)		Neglect (unsafe sleep)	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable
F-054-23-PH	Suicide (child); Ligature hanging	DCBS history; Education/child care issues; Law enforcement issues; Mental health issues (child); Statutory Issues; DCBS issues; Out of State CPS History; Other	School failed to address trauma issues.	No abuse or neglect	Potentially preventable
F-055-23-PH	Neglect; SUDI/near-SUDI/apparent life-threatening event	Criminal history (caregiver); Criminal history (in the home); DCBS history; DCBS issues; Domestic Violence; Family violence; Financial issues; Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Unsafe sleep (other); Mental health issues (caregiver)		Neglect (unsafe sleep)	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable

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F-056-23-PH	Neglect; SUDI/near-SUDI/apparent life-threatening event	Bystander issues/opportunities; Coroner issues; DCBS history; DCBS issues; Financial issues; Medical issues/management; Statutory Issues; Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Unsafe sleep (bed sharing); Lack of Sleep Plan; Law enforcement issues		Neglect (unsafe sleep)	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable
NF-013-23-C	Physical abuse	Bystander issues/opportunities; DCBS history; DCBS issues; Financial issues; Medical issues/management; Other	Lack of transportation	Physical abuse	Potentially preventable
NF-091-23-NC	Natural causes/medical diagnosis	DCBS issues		No abuse or neglect	
NF-111-23-C					

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NF-120-23-C	Overdose/ingestion; Neglect	Bystander issues/opportunities; DCBS history; DCBS issues; Criminal history (caregiver); Criminal history (in the home); Domestic Violence; Environmental neglect; Financial issues; Lack of treatment (mental health or substance abuse); Mental health issues (caregiver); Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Unsafe access to deadly means		Abusive head trauma; Neglect due to unsafe access to deadly/potentially deadly means	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable
NF-123-23-NC	Neglect; Overdose/ingestion	DCBS issues; Environmental neglect; Financial issues; Medical issues/management; Other; Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Unsafe access to deadly means	Given the proliferation of street fentanyl in our communities, all medical facilities should assure UDS test for synthetic opiates, and lack of transportation.	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-144-23-C	Abusive head trauma; Neglect; Physical abuse	Bystander issues/opportunities; Cognitive disability (child); DCBS history; Domestic Violence; Financial issues; Medically fragile child; Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Substitute caregiver at time of event ; Neglectful entrustment; Medical neglect; DCBS issues; Medical issues/management		Abusive head trauma; Neglect (general - can include leaving child with unsafe caregiver); Neglect (medical); Physical abuse	Potentially preventable