

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-008-26-C	Undetermined (cause of death or near-death event)	Coroner issues; DCBS history; Financial issues; Education/child care issues; Law enforcement issues; Medical issues/management; Unsafe sleep (cosleeping on a non-bed surface)		Other	Manner undetermined/foul play not ruled out
F-016-25-NC	Neglect; SUDI/near-SUDI/apparent life-threatening event	DCBS history; DCBS issues; Domestic Violence; Financial issues; Supervisional neglect; Unsafe sleep (cosleeping on a non-bed surface); Unsafe sleep (other)		Neglect (unsafe sleep); Supervisory neglect	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable

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F-021-25-C	Blunt force trauma - not inflicted MVC; Neglect	Bystander issues/opportunities; Criminal history (in the home); Criminal history (caregiver); DCBS history; DCBS issues; Domestic Violence; Environmental neglect; Financial issues; Impaired caregiver; Inadequate restraint; Lack of treatment (mental health or substance abuse); Mental health issues (caregiver); Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Statutory Issues; Judicial process issues		Neglect (general - can include leaving child with unsafe caregiver); Neglect (impaired caregiver); Neglect (inadequate/absent child restraint in motor vehicle)	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable

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F-026-25-C	Neglect; Natural causes/medical diagnosis	Bystander issues/opportunities; Cognitive disability (child); Criminal history (caregiver); Criminal history (in the home); DCBS history; Education/child care issues; Environmental neglect; Failure to thrive; Financial issues; Housing instability; Supervisional neglect; Unsafe sleep (bed sharing); Unsafe sleep (cosleeping on a non-bed surface); Unsafe sleep (other)		Neglect (general - can include leaving child with unsafe caregiver); Neglect (unsafe sleep); Supervisory neglect	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable
F-042-25-C	Neglect; SUDI/near-SUDI/apparent life-threatening event	DCBS history; DCBS issues; Financial issues; Mental health issues (caregiver); Mental health issues (child); Overwhelmed Caregiver; Supervisional neglect; Impaired caregiver; Law enforcement issues; Unsafe sleep (cosleeping on a non-bed surface)		Neglect (impaired caregiver); Neglect (unsafe sleep); Supervisory neglect	Potentially preventable
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F-056-25-C	Smoke inhalation/fire; Physical abuse; Overdose/ingestion; Other	Criminal history (caregiver); Criminal history (in the home); DCBS history; DCBS issues; Domestic Violence; Family violence; Financial issues; Law enforcement issues; MAT involvement; Mental health issues (caregiver); Mental health issues (child); Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Bystander issues/opportunities; Impaired caregiver		Neglect (general - can include leaving child with unsafe caregiver); Neglect (impaired caregiver); Other; Physical abuse	Potentially preventable

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F-057-25-C	Physical abuse; Smoke inhalation/fire; Other	Criminal history (caregiver); Criminal history (in the home); DCBS history; DCBS issues; Domestic Violence; Family violence; Financial issues; Impaired caregiver; Law enforcement issues; MAT involvement; Mental health issues (caregiver); Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Bystander issues/opportunities		Neglect (general - can include leaving child with unsafe caregiver); Neglect (impaired caregiver); Other; Physical abuse	Potentially preventable
NF-009-25-C	Blunt force trauma - not inflicted (farm machinery, ATV, fall)	DCBS issues		No abuse or neglect	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable

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NF-015-25-C	Gunshot (accidental)	DCBS history; DCBS issues; Domestic Violence; Environmental neglect; Financial issues; Mental health issues (caregiver); Overwhelmed Caregiver; Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Impaired caregiver; Law enforcement issues; Other	Unsecure firearm	Neglect (impaired caregiver)	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable

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NF-018-25-C	Neglect; Overdose/ingestion	Bystander issues/opportunities; Criminal history (caregiver); Criminal history (in the home); DCBS history; DCBS issues; Domestic Violence; Financial issues; MAT involvement; Medical issues/management; Mental health issues (caregiver); Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Unsafe access to deadly means; Supervisional neglect; Environmental neglect; Law enforcement issues		Neglect (general - can include leaving child with unsafe caregiver); Neglect due to unsafe access to deadly/potentially deadly means; Supervisory neglect	Potentially preventable

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NF-048-25-C	Neglect; Overdose/ingestion	Commonwealth/County Attorneys; DCBS issues; Domestic Violence; Environmental neglect; Financial issues; Law enforcement issues; Medical issues/management; Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current); 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	Potentially preventable

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NF-061-25-C	Overdose/ingestion; Other; Neglect	Cognitive disability (child); Criminal history (caregiver); Criminal history (in the home); DCBS history; DCBS issues; Environmental neglect; Failure to thrive; Family violence; Financial issues; Housing instability; Mental health issues (caregiver); Medical neglect; Medically fragile child; Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Unsafe access to deadly means; Domestic Violence; Judicial process issues; Law enforcement issues; Other; Lack of family support system	Petition filed on half-sibling in another state - DCBS requested courtesy visit and that state reported they do not complete courtesies	Neglect due to unsafe access to deadly/potentially deadly means; Neglect (medical); Neglect (general - can include leaving child with unsafe caregiver); Other	Potentially preventable

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NF-089-25-C	Neglect	Cognitive disability (caregiver); DCBS history; DCBS issues; Failure to thrive; Financial issues; Medical issues/management; Medical neglect; Mental health issues (caregiver); Overwhelmed Caregiver		Neglect (medical)	Potentially preventable
NF-168-25-NC	Abusive head trauma; Failure to thrive/malnutrition; Neglect; Physical abuse	DCBS issues; Domestic Violence; Failure to thrive; Financial issues; Housing instability; Medical issues/management; Medical neglect; Medically fragile child; Overwhelmed Caregiver; Other	Medical out of state hospital failed to report	Abusive head trauma; Neglect (medical); Other; Physical abuse	
NF-184-25-NC	Neglect	DCBS issues; Education/child care issues; Law enforcement issues; Supervisional neglect; Unsafe access to deadly means		Supervisory neglect; Neglect due to unsafe access to deadly/potentially deadly means	Potentially preventable