Please note that the previous version of the disclosure listed Warwick as the child's home town, instead of North Providence. A corrected version is below.

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## **DCYF Public Disclosure**

**Providence, R.I. (March 26, 2021)** - The Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) is disclosing the near fatality of a 5-year-old girl from North Providence. The Department had no prior involvement with the family.

The incident occurred on February 27, 2021. The Department initiated an investigation, and through this investigation, DCYF confirmed neglect contributed to this near fatality. Pursuant to state law, DCYF has notified the Office of the Child Advocate of the report.

Due to confidentiality laws, we are prohibited from sharing additional information.

DCYF's highest priority is the safety and well-being of all children. Rhode Islanders are required by law to report known or suspected cases of child abuse or neglect to DCYF within 24 hours of becoming aware of such abuse/neglect. Please call 1-800-RI-CHILD to report known or suspected cases of child abuse.

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