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**DCYF Public Disclosure**

**Providence, R.I. (August 13, 2021)** - The Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) is disclosing the near fatality of a 5-year-old child from South Kingstown. The family was previously involved with the Department but not at the time of the incident.

The incident occurred on June 25, 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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