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**DCYF Public Disclosure**

**Providence, R.I. (September 22, 2021)** - The Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) is disclosing the near fatality of a two-year-old from Cranston. The Department had previous involvement with the family but not at the time of the incident.

The near fatality was the result of a near drowning in an above ground pool at the family's home on July 19, 2021. The Department initiated an investigation and determined 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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