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Providence, R.I. (June 10, 2022) — The Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) is disclosing the near fatality of a 16-month-old child from Coventry. The Department had no previous involvement with the family.

The incident occurred on May 14, 2022. The Department initiated an investigation and through this investigation, 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, DCYF is 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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