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Providence, R.I. (April 27, 2023) — The Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) is disclosing the near fatality of a 17-year-old youth. The youth is in the temporary custody of the Department. The incident occurred on April 9, 2023. As of April 26, 2023, the Department confirmed that the child’s medical condition met the criteria for a “near fatality.” 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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