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Providence, R.I. (June 30, 2023) — The Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) is disclosing two separate near fatalities of two children. The Department had prior involvement with both families but was not open to both at the time of the incidents.

While these incidents occurred on October 23, 2019, and August 27, 2022, the Department confirmed at a later date that these cases were the subject of a child maltreatment findings and met the criteria of a near fatality. Due to an internal oversight, these cases did not result in a public disclosure at the time. The Department has taken steps to ensure for timely disclosure going forward in cases of child near fatalities and fatalities. DCYF has notified the Office of the Child Advocate of these 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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