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Providence, R.I. (July 17, 2023) — The Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) is disclosing the fatality of a 17-year-old youth. At the time of the fatality the youth was open to DCYF and receiving supervision and supportive services. However, DCYF did not have legal custody of the youth and this fatality was not related to child maltreatment.

The fatality occurred on July 14, 2023. DCYF has notified the Office of the Child Advocate of this 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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