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Providence, R.I. (October 18, 2023) — The Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) is disclosing the near fatality of a two-year-old child. At the time of the near fatality, the family was not open to the Department.

The incident occurred on August 10, 2023. The Department initiated an investigation into this incident and made the determination on October 17, 2023, that maltreatment contributed to this near fatality. 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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