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Providence, R.I. (October 19, 2023) — The Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) is disclosing the near fatality of a 17-year-old youth. At the time of the near fatality, the family was open to the Department.

The incident occurred on October 16, 2023. DCYF has notified the Office of the Child Advocate of this near fatality.

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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