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Providence, R.I. (October 7, 2023) — The Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) is disclosing the near fatality of a 16-year-old youth. The Department had prior involvement with the family and was open to the family at the time of the incident.

The incident occurred on October 4, 2023, and the Department received confirmation of it meeting the requirements of a near fatality on October 5, 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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