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Providence, R.I. (November 8, 2023) — The Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) is disclosing the near fatality of a four-year-old child. At the time of the near fatality, the family was not open to the Department.

The incident occurred on October 31, 2023, and DCYF notified the Office of the Child Advocate at that time.

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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