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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Providence, R.I. (March 6, 2024) – Pursuant to the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) as amended 42 U.S.C. § 106 (b)(4)(A), the Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) is disclosing the near fatality of an eight-year-old child.

The incident occurred on January 29, 2024, with a final finding determination made on March 5, 2024. DCYF has notified the Office of the Child Advocate.

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.