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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Providence, R.I. (May 6, 2024) – Pursuant to Rhode Island General Law § 42-72-8(c), the Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) is disclosing the near fatality of a 16-year-old youth.

The incident occurred on April 27, 2024; at that time DCYF notified the Office of the Child Advocate. The youth was open to DCYF at the time of the incident.

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.