



Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth & Families

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PROVIDENCE, R.I. (Mar. 3, 2025) – Pursuant to Rhode Island General Law § 42-72-8(c), the Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) is disclosing the near fatality of a 15-year-old youth.

The incident occurred on March 1, 2025, and DCYF has notified the Office of Child Advocate. The youth was involved with DCYF at the time of the incident.

Due to confidentiality laws, DCYF is prohibited from sharing additional information.

The Department of Children, Youth & Families' highest priority is the safety and well-being of all children. Families and youth in need of immediate support are encouraged to contact DCYF's Support and Response Unit at 1-888-RI-FAMILY (1-888-743-2659). All 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 or neglect. Please call 1-800-RI-CHILD (1-800-742-4453) to report known or suspected cases of child abuse.