



Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth & Families

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (June 26, 2025) – Pursuant to CAPTA amendment 42 U.S.C. § 5106(b)(2)(B)(x), the Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) is disclosing the near fatality of a 6-month-old infant. A DCYF investigation has determined this near fatality resulted from maltreatment. The infant was not open to the Department at the time of this incident.

The incident occurred on June 2, 2025, and DCYF has notified the Office of Child Advocate.

While confidentiality laws prohibit DCYF from disclosing additional details, we are always disheartened to learn of these incidents. We encourage any families needing support to reach out to our warm line for information on resources and support at 1-888-RI-FAMILY (1-888-743-2659).

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 or neglect. Please call 1-800-RI-CHILD to report known or suspected cases of child abuse.

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