



Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth & Families

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (Sept. 9, 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 17-year-old youth.

The incident occurred on August 24, 2025, and DCYF notified the Office of the Child Advocate. The youth was involved with DCYF at the time of the incident.

While confidentiality laws prohibit DCYF from disclosing additional details, we are always disheartened to learn of these incidents.

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.

We encourage any family needing support to reach out to our warm line for information on resources and support at 1-888-RI-FAMILY (1-888-743-2659).

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