



Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth & Families

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (Oct. 24, 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 Oct. 22, 2025, and DCYF has notified the Office of the Child Advocate. The youth was open to 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. We encourage any family needing support to reach out to our Family Support 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 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 (1-800-742-4453) to report known or suspected cases of child abuse.

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