



Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth & Families

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (January 7, 2026) – Pursuant to CAPTA amendment 42 U.S.C. § 5106(b)(2)(B)(x), the Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) is disclosing the fatality of a 2-year-old child. A DCYF investigation has determined this fatality resulted from maltreatment. The child and the family were not open to the Department at the time of this incident.

The incident occurred on November 26, 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 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 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.

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