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**DCYF Public Disclosure**

**PROVIDENCE, R.I. (April 12, 2019)** – The Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) is disclosing the death of a nine-year-old female youth from Warwick. Pursuant to state law, the DCYF has notified the Office of the Child Advocate of the report.

The child died on January 3, 2019. The family had previous involvement with the Department but was not open at the time of death.

The Department worked collaboratively with local law enforcement and initiated an investigation. And, through this investigation, DCYF has confirmed that the child's death was the result of neglect.

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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