



It is with deep sadness that the Department of Children and Families (DCF) learned today of the death of Kaniyah Ealey (Female/DOB: 6-1-2012). Kaniyah had been placed in a resource home in Newark, NJ most recently since February 2013. Currently, DCF is working closely with law enforcement to investigate an allegation of neglect regarding supervision of this child in the bathtub.

At this time we can confirm that Kaniyah was one of three foster children placed in this home. The other foster children will be placed in another resource home today while the investigation continues.

There are no prior investigations regarding the care of foster children in this home. The child's caseworker last visited the home on May 2, 2013.

We are currently in the very preliminary stages of our investigation, and as a result, we will not be releasing any additional information at this time. However, as is our practice and plan, at such time as we are able, we will provide additional information within the confines of the law regarding confidentiality.

On behalf of the entire Department of Children and Families, we extend our sincere condolences to the family of Kaniyah Ealey.