New Jersey
Department of Children and Families
Public CCAPTA Reports
January 2007 – December 2007
Children Never Known to the Division of Youth and Family Services
Name of Child Victim: K.P.*
Gender: Male
Date of Birth/Age of Victim: 5/20/1999, 7 years old
County: Ocean

Date of the Incident: 01/06/07
Date Division Notified of Incident: 01/08/07

Nature of Incident: Police found the bodies of 7-year-old K.P., his mother and his stepfather inside their family home on January 6, 2007. Authorities believe this incident to be a murder-suicide at the hands of K.P's stepfather. Autopsies were conducted and the medical examiner determined that his step-father died from hanging himself; K.P. died of manual strangulation and his mother died from blunt force trauma.

Siblings/Child Relatives Residing with Victim and Living Arrangements:
N/A

Status of the Division's Involvement with the Child Victim and Family PRIOR to the Death or Near Fatality:
□ Open Date Opened □ Closed -- Date Closed ______
□ Not Previously Known

If previously known, list district Office, date and disposition of each prior referral:
N/A

Types of services provided:
N/A

Date of the Division's last contact with child victim prior to incident and type of contact:
N/A

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☒ Child Fatality ☐ Child Near-Fatality

Name of Child Victim: C.D.*
Gender: Male
Date of Birth/Age of Victim: 08/06/96 - 10 years old
County: Monmouth

Date of the Incident: 03/20/07
Date Division Notified of Incident: 03/21/07

☒ Abuse ☒ Substantiated
☐ Neglect ☐ Suspected/Pending

Nature of Incident: C.D.'s body was found after being stabbed multiple times. C.D.'s mother has been charged with murder.

Siblings/Child Relatives Residing with Victim and Living Arrangements:
N/A

Status of the Division's Involvement with the Child Victim and Family PRIOR to the Death or Near Fatality:
☐ Open Date Opened ☑ Closed -- Date Closed ______

☒ Not Previously Known

If previously known, list district Office, date and disposition of each prior referral:
N/A

Types of services provided:
N/A

Date of the Division's last contact with child victim prior to incident and type of contact:
N/A

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☒ Child Fatality  ☐ Child Near-Fatality

Name of Child Victim: C.M.*  
Gender: Male  
Date of Birth/Age of Victim: 02/08/07 -- 7 weeks old  
County: Hudson

Date of the Incident: 03/26/07  
Date Division Notified of Incident: 03/26/07

☒ Abuse  ☒ Substantiated  
☐ Neglect  ☐ Suspected/Pending

Nature of Incident: According to the Hudson County Medical Examiner, C.M. died from blunt force head trauma and broken ribs.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangements:  
(Gender/age of siblings/relatives residing with child victim)  
Female, 10 months old -- residing with foster family

Status of the Division's Involvement with the Child Victim and Family PRIOR to the Death or Near Fatality:  
☐ Open Date Opened  ☐ Closed -- Date Closed

☒ Not Previously Known

If previously known, list district Office, date and disposition of each prior referral:  
N/A

Types of services provided:  
N/A

Date of the Division's last contact with child victim prior to incident and type of contact:  
N/A

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☒ Child Fatality ☐ Child Near-Fatality

Name of Child Victim: K.L.*
Gender: Female
Date of Birth/Age of Victim: 01/26/07
County: Cumberland

Date of the Incident: 04/24/07
Date Division Notified of Incident: 04/24/07

☒ Abuse ☒ Substantiated
☐ Neglect ☐ Suspected/Pending

Nature of Incident: K.L.'s body was found wrapped in trash bags in the basement of her home after her mother reported her boyfriend and K.L. missing. The mother's boyfriend was arrested in connection with the death.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangements:
(Gender/age of siblings/relatives residing with child victim)
N/A

Status of the Division's Involvement with the Child Victim and Family PRIOR to the Death or Near Fatality:
☐ Open ______ Date Opened ☐ Closed ______Date Closed

☒ Not Previously Known

If previously known, list district Office, date and disposition of each prior referral:
N/A

Types of services provided:
N/A

Date of the Division's last contact with child victim prior to incident and type of contact:
N/A

*Child’s full name can be released upon request to the DCF Communications Office.
Name of Child Victim: B.L.*
Gender: Female
Date of Birth/Age of Victim: 04/27/07
County: Hudson

Date of the Incident: 04/27/07
Date Division Notified of Incident: 04/29/07

Nature of Incident: Police found B.L.'s body at her mother's home. B.L.'s mother admitted to giving birth at home and placing the infant in a plastic container. B.L.'s mother was charged with aggravated assault, endangering the welfare of a minor and child abuse.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangements:
(Gender/age of siblings/relatives residing with child victim)
Female, 1 year old, residing with foster family

Status of the Division's Involvement with the Child Victim and Family PRIOR to the Death or Near Fatality:
☐ Open Date Opened ☐ Closed Date Closed

☒ Not Previously Known

If previously known, list district Office, date and disposition of each prior referral:
N/A

Types of services provided:
N/A

Date of the Division's last contact with child victim prior to incident and type of contact:
N/A

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☒ Child Fatality  ☐ Child Near-Fatality

Name of Child Victim: A.F.*

Gender: Female

Date of Birth/Age of Victim: 12/15/2006, 5 months old

County: Ocean

Date of the Incident: 05/19/07

Date Division Notified of Incident: 05/19/07

☒ Abuse  ☒ Substantiated

☐ Neglect  ☐ Suspected/Pending

Nature of Incident: A.F. was brought to the hospital on 05/17/2007 with multiple physical wounds, subdural hematoma and retinal hemorrhaging. She was pronounced brain dead and removed from life support on 05/19/2007. Her mother's paramour was charged with aggravated assault and endangering the welfare of a child.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangements:
(Gender/age of siblings/relatives residing with child victim)

N/A

Status of the Division's Involvement with the Child Victim and Family PRIOR to the Death or Near Fatality:

☐ Open  ____ Date Opened

☐ Closed  ____ Date Closed

☒ Not Previously Known

If previously known, list district Office, date and disposition of each prior referral:

N/A

Types of services provided:

N/A

Date of the Division's last contact with child victim prior to incident and type of contact:

N/A

*Child’s full name can be released upon request to the DCF Communications Office.
Name of Child Victim: M.R.* and K.R.*
Gender: Female
Date of Birth/Age of Victim: 1/01/01, 6 years old and 4/21/04, 5 years old
County: Essex

Date of the Incident: 6/21/07
Date Division Notified of Incident: 6/22/07

Nature of Incident: M.R. and K.R. were found drowned in the bathtub of their father's home. Their father allegedly killed his daughters before he hanged himself.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangements:
(Gender/age of siblings/relatives residing with child victim)
N/A

Status of the Division's Involvement with the Child Victim and Family PRIOR to the Death or Near Fatality:
☐ Open _____ Date Opened  ☐ Closed  ____ Date Closed
☐ Not Previously Known

If previously known, list district Office, date and disposition of each prior referral:
N/A

Types of services provided:
N/A

Date of the Division's last contact with child victim prior to incident and type of contact:
N/A

*Child's full name can be released upon request to the DCF Communications Office.
Name of Child Victim: M.W.*
Gender: Female
Date of Birth/Age of Victim: 10/25/2004, 2 years old
County: Hudson

Date of the Incident: 08/20/2007
Date Division Notified of Incident: 08/20/2007

Nature of Incident: M.W. died as a result of being left unattended in a bathtub.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangements:
(Gender/age of siblings/relatives residing with child victim)
Male, 4 years old, residing at home

Status of the Division’s Involvement with the Child Victim and Family PRIOR to the Death or Near Fatality:
□ Open _____ Date Opened  □ Closed _____ Date Closed

☐ Not Previously Known

If previously known, list district Office, date and disposition of each prior referral:
N/A

Types of services provided:
N/A

Date of the Division’s last contact with child victim prior to incident and type of contact:
N/A

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☒ Child Fatality ☐ Child Near-Fatality

Name of Child Victim: T.F.*
Gender: Male
Date of Birth/Age of Victim: 09/07/2006, 11 months old
County: Middlesex

Date of the Incident: 08/23/2007
Date Division Notified of Incident: 08/23/2007

☐ Abuse ☒ Substantiated
☒ Neglect ☐ Suspected/Pending

Nature of Incident: T.F. died from subdural bleeding and a fractured skull while in the care of a registered family-based child care center.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangements:
(Gender/age of siblings/relatives residing with child victim)
Male, 10 years old, residing at home

Status of the Division's Involvement with the Child Victim and Family PRIOR to the Death or Near Fatality:
☐ Open _____ Date Opened ☐ Closed _____ Date Closed

☒ Not Previously Known

If previously known, list district Office, date and disposition of each prior referral:
N/A

Types of services provided:
N/A

Date of the Division's last contact with child victim prior to incident and type of contact:
N/A

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- Child Fatality  
- Child Near-Fatality

Name of Child Victim: J.D.*  
Gender: Male  
Date of Birth/Age of Victim: 07/23/03, 4 years  
County: Camden

Date of the Incident: 12/10/07  
Date Division Notified of Incident: 12/13/07

- Abuse  
- Substantiated  
- Neglect  
- Suspected/Pending

Nature of Incident: According to the Atlantic County Medical Examiner, J.D. died of blunt force trauma. His father was arrested and charged.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangements:  
(Gender/age of siblings/relatives residing with child victim)  
Female, 2 years old, residing at home

Status of the Division's Involvement with the Child Victim and Family PRIOR to the Death or Near Fatality:  
- Open  
- Closed  
- Not Previously Known

If previously known, list district Office, date and disposition of each prior referral:  
N/A

Types of services provided:  
N/A

Date of the Division's last contact with child victim prior to incident and type of contact:  
N/A

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☒ Child Fatality ☐ Child Near-Fatality

Name of Child Victim: J.H.
Gender: Male
Date of Birth/Age of Victim: 01/03/2001, 6 years
County: Gloucester

Date of the Incident: 12/22/07
Date Division Notified of Incident: 12/24/07

☒ Abuse ☒ Substantiated
☐ Neglect ☐ Suspected/Pending

Nature of Incident: J.H.'s mother allegedly slashed the child's throat and attempted suicide. She was arrested and charged for murder.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangements:
(Gender/age of siblings/relatives residing with child victim)
Female, 9 years old, residing in foster home

Status of the Division's Involvement with the Child Victim and Family PRIOR to the Death or Near Fatality:
☐ Open _____ Date Opened ☒ Closed _____ Date Closed

☒ Not Previously Known

If previously known, list district Office, date and disposition of each prior referral:
N/A

Types of services provided:
N/A

Date of the Division's last contact with child victim prior to incident and type of contact:
N/A

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Family Had Past Experience with the Division of Youth and Family Services
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☒ Child Fatality ☐ Child Near-Fatality

Name of Child Victim: K.H.*
Gender: Male
Date of Birth/Age of Victim: 11/09/06 - 3 months old
County: Bergen

Date of the Incident: 02/11/07
Date Division Notified of Incident: 02/13/07

☒ Abuse ☐ Neglect ☒ Substantiated ☐ Suspected/Pending

Nature of Incident: According to the medical examiner, K.H. died as a result of a subdural hematoma. K.H.'s mother was arrested in connection with the death and charged with 2nd degree child endangerment.

Siblings/Child Relatives Residing with Victim and Living Arrangements:
Male, 4 years old - residing with relative
Male, 2 years old - residing with relative
Male, 3 months old - residing with relative

Status of the Division's Involvement with the Child Victim and Family PRIOR to the Death or Near Fatality:
☐ Open Date Opened ☒ Closed -- Date Closed 01/17/07

☐ Not Previously Known

If previously known, list district Office, date and disposition of each prior referral:
Passaic North L.O. 12/06/06 -- Unfounded abuse and neglect. Allegations of domestic violence and about care for one of the other siblings' medical needs. Case was closed 01/17/07.

Types of services provided:
CPS Investigation, nurse assessment

Date of the Division's last contact with child victim prior to incident and type of contact:
12/12/2006

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☒ Child Fatality ☐ Child Near-Fatality

Name of Child Victim: D.E.*
Gender: Female
Date of Birth/Age of Victim: 05/26/05 - 2 years old
County: Bergen

Date of the Incident: 03/11/07
Date Division Notified of Incident: 03/11/07

☒ Abuse ☒ Substantiated
☒ Neglect ☐ Suspected/Pending

Nature of Incident: Child was found dead at her family’s home in Fair Lawn. DYFS substantiated neglect due to overlay.

Siblings/Child Relatives Residing with Victim and Living Arrangements:
Male, 6 years old -- residing with relative

Status of the Division’s Involvement with the Child Victim and Family PRIOR to the Death or Near Fatality:
☐ Open Date Opened ☒ Closed -- Date Closed 01/11/06

☐ Not Previously Known

If previously known, list district Office, date and disposition of each prior referral:
Bergen South LO, 10/10/03 – Child welfare assessment. DYFS received an allegation that parents were drinking and fighting. Case was closed 09/03/04.

Bergen Central LO, 12/12/2005 – Unfounded. DYFS received a report that D.E’s sibling had an unexplained bruise. Case was closed 01/11/06.

Types of services provided:
Protective services investigation, child welfare assessment, in-home services, substance abuse services

Date of the Division’s last contact with child victim prior to incident and type of contact:
12/12/05

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☒ Child Fatality ☐ Child Near-Fatality

Name of Child Victim: D.C.*
Gender: Male
Date of Birth/Age of Victim: 09/23/2003, 3 years old
County: Ocean

Date of the Incident: 05/18/2007
Date Division Notified of Incident: 05/21/2007

☒ Abuse ☐ Substantiated
☒ Neglect ☐ Suspected/Pending

Nature of Incident: D.C. was found to have drowned in an in-ground pool at the home of a family friend.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangements:
(Gender/age of siblings/relatives residing with child victim)
Male, 6 years old, residing at home
Male, 8 years old, residing at home

Status of the Division's Involvement with the Child Victim and Family PRIOR to the Death or Near Fatality:
☐ Open _____ Date Opened ☒ Closed 11/25/2002 Date Closed

☐ Not Previously Known

If previously known, list district Office, date and disposition of each prior referral:
Ocean South LO, 06/27/2002: Substantiated neglect. D.C.'s mother left one of her sons in a car for 3 to 5 minutes while she was in a store. Case was closed 11/25/2002.

Types of services provided:
PRS Investigation, in-home services

Date of the Division's last contact with child victim prior to incident and type of contact:
11/25/2002

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*(INVESTIGATION BY PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE)*

- Child Fatality
- Child Near-Fatality

**Name of Child Victim:** A.B.*
**Gender:** Female
**Date of Birth/Age of Victim:** 09/28/2005, 1 year old
**County:** Essex

**Date of the Incident:** 08/14/2007
**Date Division Notified of Incident:** 08/14/2007

- Abuse
- Substantiated
- Neglect
- Suspected/Pending

**Nature of Incident:** A.B. died from blunt force trauma to the abdomen. Her father's paramour was charged and arrested.

**Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangements:**
*(Gender/age of siblings/relatives residing with child victim)*
- Female, 10 years old, residing at home
- Female, 4 years old, residing at home

**Status of the Division’s Involvement with the Child Victim and Family PRIOR to the Death or Near Fatality:**
- Open  ______ Date Opened  
- Closed 5/26/2006 Date Closed
- Not Previously Known

*If previously known, list district Office, date and disposition of each prior referral:*

**Types of services provided:**
- CWS assessment, Emergency Assistance, Referral to housing and child care assistance

**Date of the Division’s last contact with child victim prior to incident and type of contact:**
05/08/2007

*Child’s full name can be released upon request to the DCF Communications Office.*
Name of Child Victim: J.O.*
Gender: Female
Date of Birth/Age of Victim: 06/25/2007, 2 months old
County: Bergen

Date of the Incident: 09/16/2007
Date Division Notified of Incident: 09/17/2007

Nature of Incident: J.O. died from severe head injuries after being slammed into a metal banister and dropped to the ground. J.O.'s father was charged with Jenessa's death.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangements:
(Gender/age of siblings/relatives residing with child victim)
Female, 7 years old, residing at home

Status of the Division's Involvement with the Child Victim and Family PRIOR to the Death or Near Fatality:
[ ] Open _____ Date Opened  [ ] Closed 02/09/2007 Date Closed

[ ] Not Previously Known

If previously known, list district Office, date and disposition of each prior referral:

Types of services provided:
CPS investigation, Referral to housing assistance

Date of the Division's last contact with child victim prior to incident and type of contact:
02/07/2007

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☑ Child Fatality ☐ Child Near-Fatality

Name of Child Victim: J.G.*
Gender: Male
Date of Birth/Age of Victim: 07/02/2007, 4 months
County: Essex

Date of the Incident: 11/16/07
Date Division Notified of Incident: 11/20/07

☑ Abuse ☑ Substantiated
☐ Neglect ☐ Suspected/Pending

Nature of Incident: According to the autopsy report, J.G. died from head trauma, a skull fracture and underlying hemorrhage on the brain.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangements:
(Gender/age of siblings/relatives residing with child victim)
Male, 3 years old -- residing with relative
Male, 1 year old -- residing with relative

Status of the Division's Involvement with the Child Victim and Family PRIOR to the Death or Near Fatality:
☐ Open _____ Date Opened ☑ Closed 03/19/07 Date Closed
☐ Not Previously Known

If previously known, list district Office, date and disposition of each prior referral:
Newark Northeast Local Office, 01/17/2007: Child welfare assessment. Referral from hospital that one of the mother's children had died after being born prematurely. The Medical Examiner performed an autopsy which determined the cause of death as SIDS. The case was closed on March 19, 2007.

Types of services provided:
Child welfare assessment, In-Home services

Date of the Division's last contact with child victim prior to incident and type of contact:
03/14/2007

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Family Was Currently Involved with the Division of Youth and Family Services
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☒  Child Fatality    ☐  Child Near-Fatality

Name of Child Victim:  D.C.*
Gender:  Male
Date of Birth/Age of Victim:  02/24/07
County:  Atlantic

Date of the Incident:  04/20/07
Date Division Notified of Incident:  04/20/07

☒  Abuse    ☒  Substantiated
☐  Neglect    ☐  Suspected/Pending

Nature of Incident:  Police and EMS found D.C. to be not breathing at his home. An autopsy performed by the Atlantic County Medical Examiner revealed D.C. had a high blood alcohol level.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangements:
(Gender/age of siblings/relatives residing with child victim)
Male, 1.5 years old, residing with relative
Female, 9 years old, residing with relative

Status of the Division's Involvement with the Child Victim and Family PRIOR to the Death or Near Fatality:
☒  Open  04/14/07  Date Opened    ☐  Closed  ____  Date Closed

☐  Not Previously Known

If previously known, list district Office, date and disposition of each prior referral:
Atlantic West LO, 04/14/07 - Neglect referral. DYFS received a report concerning D.C.'s broken arm. Case was still under investigation at time of fatality.

Types of services provided:
Safety assessment

Date of the Division's last contact with child victim prior to incident and type of contact:
04/14/07

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[ ] Child Fatality [ ] Child Near-Fatality

Name of Child Victim: B.E.*
Gender: Male
Date of Birth/Age of Victim: 04/02/07
County: Warren

Date of the Incident: 04/24/07
Date Division Notified of Incident: 04/24/07

[ ] Abuse [ ] Substantiated
[ ] Neglect [ ] Suspected/Pending

Nature of Incident: B.E. was found dead in his home. A postmortem examination by the Warren County Medical Examiner revealed blunt force head trauma with bleeding under the skull. B.E.'s mother was arrested in connection with the death.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangements:
(Gender/age of siblings/relatives residing with child victim)
Female, 3 years old, residing with foster family

Status of the Division's Involvement with the Child Victim and Family PRIOR to the Death or Near Fatality:
[ ] Open 4/18/07 Date Opened [ ] Closed ___Date Closed

[ ] Not Previously Known

If previously known, list district Office, date and disposition of each prior referral:
Warren LO, 04/18/07 - Neglect referral. Concerns that B.E. was diagnosed "failing to thrive." DYFS investigation and services were ongoing at the time of fatality.

Types of services provided:
Nurse assessment, safety assessment, referral to community support program.

Date of the Division's last contact with child victim prior to incident and type of contact:
04/19/04

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☐ Child Fatality  ☐ Child Near-Fatality

Name of Child Victim: B.F.*
Gender: Female
Date of Birth/Age of Victim: 11/13/93, 13 years old
County: Camden

Date of the Incident: 06/05/07
Date Division Notified of Incident: 06/05/07

☐ Abuse  ☑ Substantiated  ☐ Suspected/Pending

Nature of Incident: B.F. died from an overdose of Oxycodone (Oxicontin) belonging to her mother.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangements:
(Gender/age of siblings/relatives residing with child victim)
N/A

Status of the Division's Involvement with the Child Victim and Family PRIOR to the Death or Near Fatality:
☑ Open 05/30/2007 Date Opened  ☐ Closed  ____Date Closed

☐ Not Previously Known

If previously known, list district Office, date and disposition of each prior referral:
Camden South L.O. 05/30/2007-- Substantiated educational neglect. Allegation B.F. was not attending school. DYFS investigation and services were ongoing at time of fatality.

Types of services provided:
CPS investigation

Date of the Division's last contact with child victim prior to incident and type of contact:
05/31/2007

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☒ Child Fatality ☐ Child Near-Fatality

Name of Child Victim: A.A.*
Gender: Male
Date of Birth/Age of Victim: 10/01/92, 14 years
County: Essex

Date of the Incident: 08/12/2007
Date Division Notified of Incident: 08/13/2007

☐ Abuse ☒ Substantiated
☒ Neglect ☐ Suspected/Pending

Nature of Incident: A.A. died due to complications from a ruptured appendix. It is alleged that his relative caregiver did not seek appropriate medical attention for Andre's illness which resulted in his death.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangements:
(Gender/age of siblings/relatives residing with child victim)
Male, 12 years old -- residing with relative/family friend

Status of the Division's Involvement with the Child Victim and Family PRIOR to the Death or Near Fatality:
☒ Open 01/30/2007 Date Opened ☐ Closed _____Date Closed

☐ Not Previously Known

If previously known, list district Office, date and disposition of each prior referral:
Camden City Local Office, 1/30/07: Unfounded neglect referral. DYFS received a report concerned about AA's relative caregiver not providing enough food to the children in her care.

Types of services provided:
N/A

Date of the Division's last contact with child victim prior to incident and type of contact:
7/10/2008

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Name of Child Victim: Z.W.*
Gender: Female
Date of Birth/Age of Victim: 12/05/2004, 2 years old
County: Essex

Date of the Incident: 10/08/2007
Date Division Notified of Incident: 10/08/2007

Abuse ☐ Substantiated ☒ Neglect ☐ Suspected/Pending

Nature of Incident: Z.W. died from cardiac arrest after ingesting prescription medication in her maternal great-grandmother's (Z.W.'s legal guardian) home.

Other Possible Child Victims and Living Arrangements:
(Gender/age of siblings/relatives residing with child victim)
Female, 3 years old, residing with foster family
Male, 1 year old, residing with out-of-state relative

Status of the Division's Involvement with the Child Victim and Family PRIOR to the Death or Near Fatality:
☒ Open 08/15/2007 Date Opened ☑ Closed _____ Date Closed

Not Previously Known

If previously known, list district Office, date and disposition of each prior referral:
Newark South Local Office, 08/15/2007: Unfounded Medical Neglect. Allegation that Z.W.'s mother had not brought her youngest son to see a doctor or receive immunizations since birth. The mother's location was unknown, and the youngest son was now residing with an out-of-state relative. DYFS was continuing ongoing work with the other state's child welfare system to provide assistance to the out-of-state relative.

Newark South Local Office, 02/27/2006: Child Welfare Assessment. Z.W.'s mother moved in with Z.W.'s great-grandmother and was referred to parenting skills classes after giving birth to another child. Case closed 06/28/07.


Types of services provided:
Child Protective Services, Child Welfare Services, referral to parenting skills classes, assistance with funeral services.

Date of the Division's last contact with child victim prior to incident and type of contact:
09/25/07

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