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DCYF Public Disclosure

Providence, R.I. (March 05, 2021) - The Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) is disclosing the deaths of two children (a two-year-old female and a seven-year-old female) from Providence. The Department had no prior involvement with the family.

The children's deaths were the result of a fire on December 22, 2020. The Department initiated an investigation and determined neglect contributed to their fatalities. Pursuant to state law, DCYF has notified the Office of the Child Advocate of the report.

Due to confidentiality laws, we are prohibited from sharing additional information.

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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