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## DCYF reports child near fatality

**PROVIDENCE, R.I. (May 4, 2017)** – In compliance with [Rhode Island General Law §42-72](#), the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) is publicly disclosing the recent report of a child near fatality.

A 16-month-old male child, from Providence, was admitted to Hasbro Children’s Hospital’s Pediatric Intensive Care Unit on May 3, 2017.

Pursuant to the statute, DCYF notified the Office of the Child Advocate of the report. We are investigating allegations of abuse and neglect.

The family had no prior contact with DCYF. 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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