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**REPORT ON THE DEATH OF**

**Jonathan Nodine**

**DOB: 6/18/2009  
DOD: 5/19/2010**

**FAMILY KNOWN TO:  
York County Children & Youth Services**

**DRAFT DATED 12/21/09**

This report is confidential under the provisions of the Child Protective Services Law and cannot be released.  
(23 Pa. C.S. Section 6340)

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**Reason for Review**

Senate Bill No. 1147 now known as Act 33 was signed by Governor Rendell on July 3, 2008 and went into effect 180 days from that date, December 30, 2008. This Act amends the Child Protective Services Law (CPSL) and sets standards for reviewing and reporting child fatality and near child fatalities that were suspected to have occurred [REDACTED]. DPW must conduct child fatality and near fatality reviews and provide a written report on any child fatality or near fatality [REDACTED].

**1. Family Constellation:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
Jonathan Nodine	Victim Child	6/18/09
[REDACTED]	Sibling	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	Sibling	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	Mother	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	Grandfather	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	Grandmother	[REDACTED]

**Notification of Fatality/Near Fatality:**

**2. Documentation Reviewed and Individuals Interviewed:**

For this review Central Region interviewed:

- [REDACTED] York County Children & Youth Services
- [REDACTED] York County Children & Youth Services

Central Region reviewed:

- Child Death Data Tool
- Police Report
- Case file

**Case Chronology:**

Referral received [REDACTED] on May 15, 2010

On May 13, 2010 the child and mother's paramour went to pick up child's mother and child was gasping for breath. Mother's paramour called 911. Child was admitted to Hanover Hospital. Child was then life flighted from Hanover Hospital to Hershey Medical Center on May 14, 2010 at 5pm. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Child was ventilator dependent, comatose and non responsive. The child's status was critical to grave. He had a retinal hemorrhage and left partial region skull fracture.

**Previous CY Involvement:**

There was a prior lack of supervision with the mother of the victim child on another sibling. It was a [REDACTED]. Prior [REDACTED] referral was not within the last 16 months. The referral was received 3/31/07 on a sibling, the child was found unsupervised on a two story balcony in a diaper. The case was [REDACTED] and closed on 4/2/07. The grandparents assumed responsibility for the children and did not want services. The mother did not want services and had moved out of the home. She left the children with the grandparents temporarily.

**Circumstances of Child's Fatality or Near Fatality:**

On 5/13/2010 child and his siblings on 5/13/2010 were taken to [REDACTED], a licensed Day care home in Hanover. Mother's paramour picked up the children at their regular time and noticed that the child looked sick. Child did not have his normal appetite and he threw up. Child was taken to the Hanover Hospital by his mother and her paramour [REDACTED]. Child slept all night. Child was then taken back to the daycare in the am. with the other children. He threw up and had to be removed from the Daycare and the paramour came to pick him up. Both child and mother's paramour went home and slept most of the day.

At 2 pm the child and mother's paramour went to pick up the child's mother and the child was gasping for breath before they reached the end of their street. Mother's paramour called 911 from the car.. Child was admitted to Hanover Hospital. Child was then life flighted from Hanover Hospital to Hershey Medical Center on May 14, 2010 at 5pm. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Child was ventilator dependent, comatose and non responsive. The child's status was critical to grave. He had a retinal hemorrhage and left partial region skull fracture. The two siblings were interviewed at the Children's Resource Center but did not provide any disclosures. All the adults were in the hospital with the victim child. The other children were staying with neighbors. Then they were removed and put with relatives. [REDACTED]

On 5/15/2010 paramour, [REDACTED] failed the polygraph test administered by the police. Mother passed her polygraph test.

**Current/Most Recent Status of Case:**

The child was removed from life support and died May 19, 2010.

Mother is currently [REDACTED] while her two children [REDACTED] remain at her parent's home. The children are in daycare during the day and at the grandparent's home in the evening. Mother has been accepted for ongoing services. She has been assigned an "in-home team" through York County Children & Youth Services to assist her with parenting, employment and housing [REDACTED].

The family receives services [REDACTED] from Catholic Charities [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has been arrested by the police. He is in jail in York County without bail and is being charged with homicide. [REDACTED] is still under investigation with the Penn Township Police Department.

**Services to Children and Families:**

Mother is currently [REDACTED] while her two children [REDACTED] remain at her parent's home. The children are in daycare during the day and at the grandparent's home in the evening. Mother has been accepted for ongoing services. She has been assigned an "in-home team" through York County Children & Youth Services to assist her with parenting, employment and housing [REDACTED]. The family receives services dealing with [REDACTED] from Catholic Charities [REDACTED]

**County Strengths and Deficiencies as identified by the County's Near Fatality Report:**

[REDACTED] It was determined through the investigation that the babysitter [REDACTED] was the person with access to the child and in collaboration with the police and the district attorney evidence is supporting that he was responsible for the child's injuries. [REDACTED] has been arrested by the police. He is in jail in York County without bail and is being charged with homicide. MDT review was held on June 9, 2010 [REDACTED]

**Central Region Findings:**

[REDACTED]

**Statutory and Regulatory Compliance Issues:**

None