

**PRELIMINARY REPORT
ON CHILD DEATH INVESTIGATIONS
IN VIRGINIA
DURING STATE FISCAL YEAR 2014**

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CHILD DEATH INVESTIGATIONS DURING STATE FISCAL YEAR 2014

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a preliminary report on child deaths that were reported to local departments of social services (LDSS) during State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2014. This report illustrates changes or trends from previous years. This report also includes a synopsis of data for all child abuse and/or neglect fatalities for SFY 2014, including demographic information pertaining to the victims, perpetrators and households impacted by these fatalities. This data is used to evaluate, review, and modify Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) policy, guidance, practice and procedures where warranted.

The purpose of this report is to provide information on all child fatalities that were investigated, with an emphasis on those deaths that occurred as a result of substantiated abuse and/or neglect. This report has added a table in Appendix B with details of investigations that resulted in unfounded dispositions in addition to a table for those investigations that resulted in a founded disposition found in Appendix A.

In SFY 2014 the Regional Child Fatality Review Teams conducted reviews of all child deaths which occurred in SFY 2013. The results of that review and their recommendations are anticipated to be published by December 2015.

Preliminary Summary of Findings

In SFY 2014:

- LDSS investigated 124 child deaths suspected to be caused by child abuse or neglect.
- There were 47 children who died as a result of child abuse or neglect.
- There were 73 investigations that resulted in an unfounded disposition; four investigations are either on administrative appeal or incomplete at the time of this report.
- Fifty-six LDSS conducted at least one child death investigation.
- The child death rate in Virginia increased from SFY 2013 from 1.8 to 2.5 deaths per 100,000 children and is slightly higher than the national death rate of 2.0 deaths per 100,000 children.
- The Eastern Region investigated the most child deaths (37.9%); however, Western Region had the highest rate of death (6.3 per 100,000 children).
- Children who died as a result of abuse or neglect ranged in age from birth to 17 years of age with nearly three quarter (73.9%) less than three years of age.

- Twenty-seven (57.4%) children who died as a result of abuse or neglect were White; 12 (25.5%) were African American; six (12.8%) were multi-racial; and two (4.3%) were Asian.
- More male children (29) died from abuse or neglect than female children (18). This data was consistent with national data.
- Sixty caretakers were determined to be responsible for the death of 47 children.
- Of the 60 caretakers who were responsible for 47 child deaths, 37 (61.7%) were female and 23 (38.3%) were male.
- Forty-five (75.0%) of the 60 caretakers were biological parents and 28 (46.7%) were between 20 to 29 years of age.
- Twenty-three (48.9%) children died as a result of physical neglect; 13 (27.7%) died as a result of physical abuse; seven (14.9%) died as a result of both physical abuse and physical/medical neglect; and three (6.4%) children died as a result of medical neglect.
- Of the 47 child deaths that were found to be caused by abuse or neglect, 20 families (42.6%) had prior involvement with child welfare.
- Children were removed and placed into foster care in 10 of the 30 families who had other children in the home at the time of the child death.

I. CHILD DEATHS

For each child death investigation, Child Protective Services (CPS) makes a disposition of either founded or unfounded. A founded disposition means that a preponderance of the evidence shows that child maltreatment has occurred. This determination is to be based primarily upon first source, or direct evidence. An unfounded investigation means it lacked a preponderance of the evidence to warrant a disposition of founded.

Local departments of social services (LDSS) investigated 124 child deaths suspected to be caused by child maltreatment for SFY 2014. LDSS determined 47 children died as a result of child abuse or neglect; 73 reports were unfounded; one report is pending and three are on administrative appeal.

The Eastern Region investigated the most reports (47) followed by Northern (27), Piedmont (24), Central (16), and Western (10).

**Table 1: Dispositions of CPS Complaints with a Child Death by Locality
SFY 2014**

LDSS	Founded	Unfounded	Pending or Appealed	Total
Alexandria	1	1		2
Appomattox		1		1
Bedford	1		1	2
Botetourt		1		1

LDSS	Founded	Unfounded	Pending or Appealed	Total
Buchanan	1			1
Campbell	2	2		4
Caroline		2		2
Chesapeake	1	1		2
Clarke	1			1
Culpeper	1			1
Dinwiddie	1			1
Fairfax Co.	1	1		2
Fauquier		1		1
Fluvanna		1		1
Franklin City	2			2
Franklin County	1			1
Frederick		1		1
Halifax		3		3
Hampton	3	4		7
Henry/Martinsville	1			1
Hopewell		1		1
Isle of Wight		1		1
James City	1			1
King and Queen		1		1
King William	1			1
Loudon		3		3
Louisa	1			1
Lynchburg	1	1		2
Madison		1		1
Mecklenburg		1		1
Newport News		5		5
Norfolk	4	10		14
Orange	1			1
Petersburg	1	1		2
Portsmouth	2			2
Prince George		1		1
Prince William	2	2	1	5
Pulaski	1	1		2
Richmond City	3	4		7
Roanoke City		3		3
Roanoke County		2		2
Rockbridge	1			1
Russell	2		1	3
Shenandoah Co.		2		2
Shenandoah Valley	1	1		2
Smyth	2			2

LDSS	Founded	Unfounded	Pending or Appealed	Total
Spotsylvania		1		1
Stafford	1			1
Suffolk		3		3
Surry	1			1
Warren		2		2
Virginia Beach	2	3		5
Washington	1	1		2
Winchester	1		1	2
Westmoreland		1		1
York		2		2
Total	47	73	4	124

Source: VDSS, June 2015. Information obtained from LDSS.

LDSS investigated 124 deaths in SFY 2014. This is an increase of 18 investigations conducted in SFY 2013 (106).

Fifty-six (47%) of 120 LDSS investigated at least one child death. Norfolk, Hampton and Richmond City had the highest number of investigations, not all of which were founded.

Table 2: Dispositions of Child Death Investigations SFY 2012-SFY 2014

	SFY 2012		SFY 2013		SFY 2014	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Founded	37	33.6	33	31.1	47	37.9
Unfounded	70	63.7	66	62.3	73	58.9
Pending/Appealed	3	2.7	7	6.6	4	3.2
Total	110	100.0	106	100.0	124	100.0

Source: VDSS, June 2015. Information obtained from LDSS.

The percentages of founded versus unfounded dispositions involving child fatalities remains somewhat consistent with previous years. In SFY 2014 there was an increase in the number of founded investigations as well as the percentage of founded investigations. This mirrors dispositions made in *all* child abuse and neglect investigations in SFY 2014. The percentage of founded to unfounded dispositions has typically been approximately 40% founded and 60% unfounded¹.

¹ 11,368 investigations completed; 4,312 founded (37.9%); 6,728 unfounded (59.2%); and 328 other. Source: Virginia Child Welfare Outcome Reports Version 3.14 (July 2015).

**Table 3: Death Rate of Children in Virginia Due to Abuse and/or Neglect
SFY 2004 – SFY 2014**

	Death Reports Investigated	Deaths Due to Abuse/Neglect	Death Rate (per 100,000 children)¹
2004	65	30	1.5
2005	56	27	1.3
2006	54	29	1.4
2007	60	29	1.4
2008	74	35	1.7
2009	72	34	1.7
2010	78	44	2.4
2011	86	30	1.6
2012	107	37	2.0
2013	105	33	1.8
2014	124	47	2.5

¹Death rate is calculated as number of deaths due to abuse/neglect divided by the state child population (2014= 1,869,115)
Sources: VDSS, June 2015. US Census Bureau, Population and Housing Units Estimates.

**Table 4: National Death Rates Due to Abuse and/or Neglect Compared to Virginia Rates
SFY 2004-SFY 2014**

	National Average Rate	Virginia Average Rate
2004	2.0	1.6
2005	2.0	1.4
2006	2.0	1.1
2007	2.4	1.7
2008	2.3	2.0
2009	2.3	1.5
2010	2.3	2.4
2011	2.0	1.6
2012	2.1	2.0
2013	2.2	1.8
2014	2.0	2.5

Sources: VDSS, June 2015. Information obtained from LDSS, US Census Bureau, Population and Housing Units Estimates. Administration for Children and Families Statistics and Research at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/research-data-technology/statistics-research/child-maltreatment>

In SFY 2014, the Virginia death rate was 2.5 per 100,000 children as compared to the national rate of 2.0 per 100,000 children. The National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) 2013 data (based on Federal Fiscal Year 2013) documents that Virginia’s rate of

founded child maltreatment deaths had been equal to or slightly lower than the national average until this year. There is no national data for 2014 available to date.

The increase in the child death rate in Virginia may be a result of more investigations being conducted by LDSS in response to the fatality review process that was implemented statewide in 2012. According to the [2013 Child Maltreatment report](#), many states reported increased counts of child fatalities and attributed the increase to better reporting and implementation of child death reviews².

**Table 5: Child Fatality Investigations and Outcomes by Region
SFY 2014**

	Investigations	Founded		Unfounded		Pending		Appealed	
			%		%		%		%
Eastern	47	17	36.2	30	63.8	0	0	0	0
Central	16	5	31.3	11	68.8	0	0	0	0
Piedmont	24	8	33.3	15	62.5	0	0	1	4.2
Northern	27	10	37.0	15	55.6	0	0	2	7.4
Western	10	7	70.0	2	20.0	1	10.0	0	0

Source: VDSS, June 2015. Information obtained from LDSS.

The Eastern Region has consistently conducted the most child death investigations over the past 10 years. The percentage of founded versus unfounded by region mirrors the dispositions made in all child abuse and neglect investigations statewide in SFY 2014 with the exception of the Western region³. The Western Region had a higher percentage of founded dispositions for child deaths compared to all investigations.

The Code of Virginia §63.2-1505 B5 was amended in 2013 to grant exceptions to completing child death investigations which require reports or records generated outside the local department, such as an autopsy, in order to complete the investigation. The time needed to obtain these reports or records is not counted towards the 45/60/90 day timeframes. The records must be necessary to complete the investigation and not available due to circumstances beyond the control of the local department. In SFY 2014, this accounted for one pending investigation.

² Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children’s Bureau.

³ The percentage of founded investigations by region: Central- 41.2%; Eastern- 40.0%; Northern- 31.2%; Piedmont- 43.6%; Western- 41.5%. Source: Virginia Child Welfare Outcome Reports Version 3.14 (July 2015).

**Table 6: Child Deaths Due to Abuse and/or Neglect and Rates by Region
SFY 2012-SFY 2014**

	SFY 2012		SFY 2013		SFY 2014	
	Deaths	Per 100,00 Children	Deaths	Per 100,000 Children	Deaths	Per 100,00 Children
Eastern	16	3.8	12	2.5	17	4.1
Central	4	1.3	5	1.5	5	1.7
Piedmont	3	1.3	6	2.2	8	3.4
Northern	5	.6	5	.6	10	1.2
Western	9	8.0	5	3.8	7	6.3

Source: VDSS, June 2015. Information obtained from LDSS and US Census Bureau, Population and Housing Units Estimates. The Census Population estimates for 2014 for persons <18 years of age by region are: Eastern: 416,842; Central: 299,032; Piedmont: 236,385; Northern: 806,155; Western: 110,701

In addition to looking at the number of child deaths, the percentages of founded and unfounded investigations, VDSS considers the ratio of child deaths to the population of children less than 18 years of age by region. Child death rates per 100,000 children by region indicate an increase in all regions with the Western region having the highest death rate per 100,000 children.

II. CHILDREN

LDSS investigated the deaths of 124 children in SFY 2014. Of those, 47 children were found to have been abused and/or neglected. This section provides detailed demographic information and trends of the children involved in child death investigations who were determined to be abused and/or neglected.

**Table 7: Children Who Died From Abuse and/or Neglect by Age
SFY 2012 – SFY 2014**

	SFY 2012		SFY 2013		SFY 2014	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Birth to 12 months	19	51.4	15	45.5	21	44.7
13 months to 3 years	10	27.0	10	30.3	14	29.8
4 to 7 years	1	2.7	4	12.0	5	10.6
8 to 12 years	5	13.5	2	6.1	3	6.4
13 years and over	2	5.4	2	6.1	4	8.5
Total	37	100.0	33	100.0	47	100.0

Source: VDSS, June 2015. Information obtained from LDSS.

This table shows that children from birth to three years of age are the most vulnerable to death as a result of child abuse and/or neglect. Virginia's numbers (74.5%) are aligned with national data which indicates that nearly three quarters (73.9%) of all child fatalities are of children less than three years of age.

**Table 8: Children Who Died From Abuse and/or Neglect by Race
SFY 2012 – SFY 2014**

	SFY 2012		SFY 2013		SFY 2014	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
African-American	12	32.4	13	39.4	12	25.5
White	19	51.4	19	57.6	27	57.4
Multi-racial	5	13.5	1	3.0	6	12.8
Asian	1	2.7	0	0.0	2	4.3
Total	37	100.0	33	100.0	47	100.0

Source: VDSS, June 2015. Information obtained from LDSS.

The race of the majority of child fatalities in Virginia was White (57.4%). The race of 25.5% of the child deaths was African-American. Based on the 2013 Virginia data, African-American children comprise 23.6% of all children less than 18 years of age⁴. SFY 2014 data for African American child deaths was consistent with the percentage of African-Americans in the total population. This is contrary to past years which indicated an over-representation of African American children.

**Table 9: Children Who Died From Abuse and/or Neglect by Gender
SFY 2012 – SFY 2014**

	SFY 2012		SFY 2013		SFY 2014		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Rate (per 100,000)
Female	19	51.4	14	42.4	18	38.3	1.97
Male	18	48.6	19	57.6	29	61.7	3.04
Total	37	100.0	33	100.0	47	100.0	2.51

Source: VDSS, June 2015. Information obtained from LDSS.

In SFY 2014 there were significantly more male child deaths than female deaths. This is consistent with national data which indicates boys had a higher child fatality rate (2.36 per 100,000) than girls (1.77 per 100,000); however, this has not been consistently true in Virginia.

⁴ Source: Virginia Department of Health, Division of Health Statistics.
<http://www.vdh.state.va.us/healthstats/stats.htm>

III. CARETAKERS

LDSS found 60 caretakers to be responsible for the deaths of 47 children due to child abuse/neglect in SFY 2014. Some victims were abused by more than one caretaker. One child was abused by three caretakers.

**Table 10: Caretakers in Child Deaths from Abuse and/or Neglect
SFY 2012 – SFY 2014**

	SFY 2012		SFY 2013		SFY 2014	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Mother	15	31.9	20	45.5	29	48.3
Father	14	29.8	10	22.7	16	26.7
Stepparent	1	2.1	0	0.0	2	3.4
Grandparent	2	4.3	2	4.5	4	6.7
Uncle/Aunt	2	4.3	0	0.0	1	1.7
Paramour	9	19.1	4	9.1	5	8.2
Babysitter	3	6.4	5	11.4	3	5.0
Group Home Staff	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other	1	2.1	1*	2.3	0	0.0
Unknown	0	0.0	2	4.5	0	0.0
Total Caretakers	47	100.0	44	100.0	60	100.0

Source: VDSS, June 2015. Information obtained from LDSS.

*foster parent

The vast majority of caretakers (75.0%) were biological parents. The number of biological mothers almost doubled since SFY 2012. Babysitter included caretakers who were not regulated or licensed. One of the babysitters was subject to licensure; the other two were not. Of the four grandparents, three were grandmothers.

**Table 11: Caretakers in Child Deaths from Abuse and/or Neglect by Race
SFY 2012- SFY 2014**

	SFY 2012		SFY 2013		SFY 2014	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Black	16	34.1	14	31.8	19	31.7
White	27	57.4	28	63.6	38	63.3
Asian	2	4.3	0	0.0	2	3.3
Unknown	0	0.0	2	4.5	1	1.7
Multi-racial	1	2.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other	1	2.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total Caretakers	47	100.0	44	100.0	60	100.0

Source: VDSS, June 2015. Information obtained from LDSS.

In SFY 2014, the race of the majority of caretakers (63.3%) was White. This data remained consistent over the past years.

**Table 12: Caretakers in Child Deaths from Abuse and/or Neglect by Gender
SFY 2012-SFY 2014**

	SFY 2012		SFY 2013		SFY 2014	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Female	20	42.6	26	59.1	37	61.7
Male	27	57.4	16	36.4	23	38.3
Unknown	0	0.0	2	4.5	0	0.0
Total Caretakers	47	100.0	44	100.0	60	100.0

Source: VDSS, June 2015. Information obtained from LDSS.

Typically, there are more female perpetrators of child maltreatment than male perpetrators. The data for SFY 2014 is consistent with SFY 2013.

**Table 13: Caretakers in Child Deaths from Abuse and/or Neglect by Age
SFY 2012- SFY 2014**

	SFY 2012		SFY 2013		SFY 2014	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Under 20 years	1	2.1	1	2.3	0	0.0
20 to 29 years	28	59.7	23	52.3	28	46.7
30 to 39 years	15	31.9	10	22.7	18	30.0
40 to 49 years	1	2.1	7	15.9	8	13.3
50 or older	2	4.3	1	2.3	6	10.0
Unknown	0	0.0	2	4.5	0	0.0
Total	47	100.00	44	100.0	60	100.0

Source: VDSS, June 2015. Information obtained from LDSS.

The ages of caretakers in SFY 2014 ranged from 20 to 65 years of age. The majority of the caretakers (46.7%) were between 20 to 29 years of age. SFY 2014 had an increase in the number of caretakers over 50 years of age, with three of the six being grandparents.

IV. CATEGORIES OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT

In SFY 2014, 47 children died as a result of at least one type of abuse or neglect. Some children were neglected or abused in more than one way and by more than one caretaker. Of the children who died, 23 (48.9%) had been physically neglected and 13 (27.7%) had been physically abused. Seven (14.9%) children were both abused and neglected. Three (6.4%) children were medically neglected.

The type of abuse or neglect is not necessarily the *cause of death* for the child. For example, one child was being inadequately supervised and he shot himself. The manner of death would be accidental, the cause of death would be gunshot wound and the type of abuse or neglect would be neglect, an act of omission.

**Table 14: Types of Neglect in Child Deaths
SFY 2012- SFY 2014**

	SFY 2012	SFY 2013	SFY 2014
Abandonment	1	1	0
Inadequate Supervision	16	12	26
Inadequate Shelter	1	1	3
Inadequate Food	0	1	0
Malnutrition	0	0	0
Medical Neglect	5	5	9
Other/Unspecified sub-type	0	2	0

Source: VDSS, June 2015. Information obtained from LDSS.

Twenty-eight (59.6%) of the child deaths involved some type of physical neglect. The most prevalent type of neglect was lack of supervision. A lack of supervision involves a child being left in the care of an inadequate caretaker or in a situation requiring judgement or actions greater than the child’s level of maturity, physical condition, and/or mental abilities would reasonably dictate. A lack of supervision resulted in the deaths of five children in unsafe sleep environments; four children who overdosed on drugs; two children who died in a car accident and the driver was under the influence of alcohol; two children who were shot with a weapon that had not been secured properly; two children left in a car for extended period of time; and two children left in the care of children who were too young to babysit.

Medical neglect caused or contributed to the death of nine (19.1%) children. Medical neglect includes a caretaker’s failure to obtain immediate necessary/emergency medical care or to follow doctor recommended medical regimen for a child. See the Table of Founded Child Deaths in Appendix A for more detail.

**Table 15: Types of Abuse in Child Deaths
SFY 2012 – SFY 2014**

	SFY 2012	SFY 2013	SFY 2014
Asphyxiation	1	1	2
Bone Fracture	6	5	2
Bruises	8	4	2
Gunshot	2	0	3
Poisoning	2	0	1
Abusive Head Trauma ¹	6	3	3
Stabbing	3	0	0
Internal Injuries	3	4	2
Head Injury	2	14	4
Battered Child Syndrome	3	2	0
Sexual Abuse	1	0	0
Bizarre Discipline	1	0	0
Other or Unspecified Type	3	0	3

Source: VDSS, June 2015. Information obtained from LDSS.

¹Abusive Head Trauma (AHT), also known as Traumatic Inflicted Brain Injury or Shaken Baby Syndrome

In SFY 2014, 18 (38.3%) children died as a result of physical abuse. Some children died from more than one type of physical abuse and/or in combination with physical neglect or medical neglect.

Abusive Head Trauma (AHT), Traumatic Inflicted Brain Injury and Battered Child Syndrome are diagnosis based on a pattern of injuries. This diagnosis was made by the medical examiner who conducted the autopsy. Each of the AHT cases identified in the table also involved a traumatic head injury.

In SFY 2014 there was a significant decrease of head injuries from SFY 2013, which mirrors prior years. The three children who were shot with a firearm included a child shot by the mother’s boyfriend; a mother who shot the child and then herself; and a father who shot the child, his wife, the grandmother and then himself.

V. FAMILIES AND THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM

When initiating a response to a child fatality report, CPS will conduct an assessment of immediate harm or threat of harm for any siblings or other children in the home. Based on this safety assessment, a safety plan may be developed with the family for a course of action to mitigate danger/threats of harm and to protect a child from abuse/neglect.

**Table 16: Initial Safety Outcomes for Other Children in the Home
SFY 2012- SFY 2014**

	SFY 2012	SFY 2013	SFY 2014
	# Families	# Families	# Families
Emergency removal/foster care	3	1	10
Safety plan with relatives	12	9	15
Safety plan with family	7	8	5
Total Families	22	18	30

Source: VDSS, June 2015. Information obtained from LDSS.

Of the 47 child death investigations resulting in a founded disposition in SFY 2014, 30 families had other children for whom initial safety was assessed. All of the remaining families had no other children in the home. In SFY 2014, LDSS assessed siblings living in 10 families as unsafe and removed the children by placing them into foster care. An additional 15 families were able to develop a safety plan with the family to allow siblings to stay with relatives while remaining in the legal custody of the caretaker. The LDSS developed a plan with five families that allowed the siblings to remain in the home under the supervision of the agency. The increase from previous years in the number of families where children were placed into foster care will be explored by the regional child fatality review teams.

As a result of CPS involvement, families were either referred to or provided services to include mental health services, substance abuse assessment and treatment, parent education, domestic violence services, Family Partnership Meetings, Protective Orders and grief counseling. Family Partnership Meetings are held when a child is either removed from the home or is at risk of being removed from the home. It is an opportunity for family and community participation in the decision making process for children.

**Table 17: Prior Family Child Welfare Involvement in Child Deaths from Abuse and/or Neglect
SFY 2012- SFY 2014**

	SFY 2012		SFY 2013		SFY 2014	
	# Families	Percent	# Families	Percent	# Families	Percent
Yes	13	39.4	14	42.4	20	42.6
No	20	60.6	19	57.6	27	57.4
Total	33	100.0	33	100.0	47	100.0

Source: VDSS, June 2015. Information obtained from LDSS.

The percentage rate of families with prior involvement for child deaths has increased from SFY 2012 to SFY 2014. Of the 47 victims in founded CPS fatality investigations in SFY 2014, there were 20 (42.6%) families with prior child welfare involvement or active child welfare cases. Three families were active with the LDSS at the time of the fatality.

Prior involvement may mean that the abuser, victim, or siblings were previously or currently the subject of a family assessment, an investigation, or an ongoing service or foster care case. Prior involvement does not include any abuse or neglect that occurred when the adult was a juvenile or screened out (invalid) reports of suspected child abuse/neglect.

The following summarizes the prior or current child welfare involvement of the families with founded fatality victims:

1. **Portsmouth:** In August 2013, a one-month-old died from asphyxiation. The mother admitted to smothering the child. In 2011 a report was investigated regarding physical abuse of her niece and determined to be founded.
2. **Rockbridge:** In August 2013, a six-month-old was found unresponsive in a pack and play. The cause of death was ruled Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID). In 2010 and in 2012 reports were received regarding physical neglect (inadequate shelter/inadequate supervision).
3. **Shenandoah Valley:** In August 2013, a three-year-old died in a car accident. The mother was driving under the influence of alcohol. Earlier that year, a report was received regarding physical neglect (inadequate supervision).
4. **Smyth:** In September 2013, a two-year-old died in a house fire as a result of inadequate supervision by the mother. In 2012 two reports were received regarding physical neglect (inadequate shelter/supervision) by the parents. A case was opened; court ordered services were provided. In February 2013 a report was investigated for physical abuse of a sibling by the father and determined to be founded. The previous case was active and services were in progress. The case was active at the time of death.
5. **Hampton:** In October 2013, a 14-year-old died from a severe infection and dehydration. The father failed to seek medical attention. Three reports were received in 2003 regarding physical neglect (inadequate personal hygiene/ inadequate supervision). A case was initially opened to provide services and ultimately resulted in the siblings being removed and placed in foster care. The decedent child was removed and placed in foster care at birth. The children were returned home in September 2005.
6. **Franklin City:** In October 2013, a 12-year-old died in a car accident. The father was driving under the influence of alcohol. The step-mother was also under the influence of alcohol. In 2005 and 2010 reports were investigated regarding sexual abuse of siblings by the mother's boyfriend and were determined to be founded. In 2013 a report was received regarding exposure to the sale or manufacture of drugs.
7. **Virginia Beach:** In October 2013, a 16-year-old died from a drug overdose. The mother had failed to provide adequate supervision. In 2006 the child and mother received services. In 2013 two reports were received regarding physical neglect (inadequate supervision).
8. **Henry/Martinsville:** In November 2013, a five-year-old died from acute methadone intoxication. The home was unsafe and unsanitary. In 2011 a report was received regarding a sibling born exposed to drugs prenatally. A case was opened; services were provided.
9. **Richmond City:** In November 2013 a report was received regarding medical neglect of the decedent child and physical neglect (inadequate hygiene) of the siblings. It was under investigation when the six-month-old child died from acute bronchopneumonia. The

parents failed to follow up with necessary medical appointments. In 2011 a report was received regarding medical neglect of a sibling. A case was opened; services were provided.

- 10. Lynchburg:** In December 2013, a one-year-old died from an overdose of fluoride. The parents were sleeping while six children were awake. From 2010 through 2013 there were five reports received regarding physical neglect, physical abuse and the decedent child born exposed to drugs prenatally. A case was opened; services were provided.
- 11. Norfolk:** In January 2014, a four-month-old died from trauma inflicted injuries caused by the father. In 2011 an investigation regarding physical neglect of an older sibling was determined to be unfounded. A case was opened; services were provided.
- 12. Pulaski:** In January 2014, a six-month-old died from blunt force trauma to head/neck and asphyxia. The father buried the child in a shallow grave. The mother allowed him to have unsupervised contact contrary to a court order. In 2008 two reports were received for physical neglect of an older sibling. In 2011 two reports were received regarding physical neglect (inadequate supervision and Failure to Thrive) of a sibling. A case was opened; services were provided. In 2012 a sibling was placed in foster care; subsequently custody was granted to relatives. In 2013 a report was received on the deceased child regarding physical abuse by the father and another report in 2014 for physical neglect.
- 13. Russell:** In January 2014, a six-month-old was found buried under a pile of toys and died of suffocation. Both parents had been asleep for approximately five hours while the decedent child and a sibling were awake. There was an open CPS case four times from 2005 until 2011 at which time the siblings (different from those involved in this investigation) were removed and placed into foster care.
- 14. Bedford:** In February 2014, a one-year-old child died from asphyxiation and had been exposed to a meth lab. Both parents failed to seek medical treatment immediately. In 2009 the family received substance abuse services. In 2013 a report was received regarding physical neglect of the decedent child and a sibling.
- 15. Campbell:** In May 2014, a nine-month-old was found unresponsive while co-sleeping with the mother. The home environment was unsafe and unsanitary. In 2011 a report was received regarding physical neglect (inadequate supervision). A case was opened; court ordered services were provided. In 2013 two reports were received regarding physical neglect (inadequate supervision).
- 16. Richmond City:** In May 2014, an eight-year-old was bludgeoned to death by a non-caretaker. The mother failed to provide adequate supervision given his age and development. In 2007 an investigation regarding sexual abuse of a sibling was determined to be founded. In 2008 two reports were received for physical neglect (inadequate supervision). In 2009 two reports were received regarding bizarre discipline, physical neglect (inadequate supervision) and medical neglect. A case was opened after the second report; court ordered services were provided. In 2011 a report was received regarding physical neglect (inadequate supervision) and physical abuse. In 2013 two investigations were completed regarding physical neglect, emotional abuse and physical abuse. Both determined to be unfounded.
- 17. Clarke:** In June 2014, a three-month-old was found unresponsive and face down in an unsafe sleep environment. In February 2014 a report was received for the decedent child born exposed to drugs prenatally. This report was not substantiated however a second

report was received less than a month later regarding physical neglect (inadequate supervision).

18. Smyth: In June 2014, a six-year-old died after falling from a train trestle. The caretaker ignored the no trespassing signs. In 2011 and in 2012 reports were received regarding the decedent child.

19. Campbell: In June 2014, a three-month-old died because the parents failed to seek emergency medical treatment. In 1999 a report regarding mental abuse of older siblings was investigated and determined to be founded. The children were removed and placed in foster care. From 2004 to 2007 three reports were received regarding physical abuse, physical and medical neglect of a sibling.

20. Richmond City: In June 2014, a two-year-old child died from blunt force trauma to the neck as a result of being left unsupervised by her mother in a car and getting her head caught in the car window. In May 2014 a report was received regarding a sibling born exposed to drugs prenatally. The report was pending at the time of death.

VI. UNFOUNDED REPORTS

In SFY 2014 there were 73 (58.9%) child fatality investigations with an unfounded disposition. An unfounded disposition does not mean the abuse or neglect did not occur. An unfounded disposition means the investigation lacked a preponderance of the evidence to warrant a disposition of founded.

Of the 73 unfounded reports:

- 51 of the 73 unfounded reports (69.9%) involved a child less than one year of age.
- 48 of the 73 unfounded reports (65.8%) were related to the sleep environment. This means the actual surface the child slept on, with whom the child was sleeping, or how the child was sleeping. This includes children who suffocated or accidentally asphyxiated due to their sleep environment.

Many of the sleep-related child deaths resulted in a determination by a medical examiner that the cause of death was Sudden Unexplained Infant Death (SUID). SUID is a diagnosis of exclusion, made when there is an absence of pathological findings revealing injury, violence, disease, or other fatal medical condition. A SUID diagnosis recognizes a host of confounding factors, most importantly the presence of unsafe sleep factors and/or medical problems such as pneumonia, prematurity, or congestion⁵.

Additional information regarding all unfounded child deaths is located in the Table of Child Death Investigations with an Unfounded Disposition in Appendix B.

VII. APPENDIXES

A. Table of Child Death Investigations with a Founded Disposition

B. Table of Child Death Investigations with an Unfounded Disposition

⁵ Excerpt from Sleep-Related Infant Deaths in Virginia, a report from the Virginia State Child Fatality Review Team. <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/medExam/childfatality-reports.htm>

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Appendix A: Table of Founded Investigations with a Child Death

Locality	Date of Death	Date of Birth	Age (yrs)	Sex	Race	Abuser (s)	Age	Race	Sex	Abuse Type	Previous History	Summary
Louisa	3/19/13 *	9/10/12	0.5	M	W	Mother	32	W	F	Physical Abuse	No	Child died from an overdose of over the counter medications. Mother was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter. * Death reported 12/13/13
Alexandria	7/5/13	10/25/12	0.7	M	W	Mother	32	W	F	Physical Neglect	No	Mother left infant in hot car all day while at work. Cause of death was hypothermia. Mother was charged criminally.
Stafford	7/15/13	2/14/12	1.4	M	A	Childcare Worker- Unregulated Setting	40	A	M	Physical Abuse	No	Child died from head injuries and was ruled as homicide by the medical examiner. Childcare provider was charged with murder. The provider was not subject to licensure.
Prince William	7/20/13	4/9/13	0.3	M	AA	Aunt Mother	32 25	AA AA	F F	Physical Neglect	No	Unclear how the three month old died. Mother and aunt left child in the care of nine and ten year olds for over three hours.
Portsmouth	8/8/13	6/23/13	0.1	M	AA	Mother	36	AA	F	Physical Abuse	Yes	Child died from asphyxiation. Mother admitted to smothering the infant child. Mother charged criminally.
James City	8/11/13	9/19/10	2.9	M	W	Father	30	W	M	Medical Neglect	No	Child died from complications of a genetic disorder. Father failed to follow through with recommended medical treatment which could have prevented the death.
Staunton	8/21/13	2/20/10	3.5	M	W	Mother	32	W	F	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child died in car accident. Mother was driving under the influence of alcohol.
Rockbridge	8/31/13	1/23/13	0.6	M	W	Mother Father Grandmother	24 32 57	W W W	F M F	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child found unresponsive in a pack and play. The cause of death was Sudden Unexplained Infant Death (SUID). The home was determined to be unsafe and unsanitary.
Petersburg	9/2/13	6/5/13	0.2	F	Multi	Mother Father	24 36	W W	F M	Physical Neglect	No	Child found unresponsive while co-sleeping with parents. Parents had been using alcohol and drugs.
Smyth	9/10/13	1/23/11	2.6	F	W	Mother	33	W	F	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child died in house fire as a result inadequate supervision by the mother.
Dinwiddie	9/28/13	9/28/13	0.0	F	AA	Mother	22	AA	F	Physical Abuse	No	Child drowned in toilet after mother gave birth. Mother found guilty of involuntary manslaughter.
Norfolk	10/12/13	9/12/13	0.1	F	Multi	Mother	21	AA	F	Physical Abuse	No	Child died from blunt force trauma and skull fracture. Mother was charged criminally.

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Virginia Beach	10/22/13	12/26/96	16.8	F	W	Mother	40	W	F	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child died from an overdose of heroin. Mother failed to provide adequate supervision.
Franklin City	10/27/13	2/6/01	12.7	F	AA	Step-mother Father	29 45	AA AA	F M	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child was unrestrained and died in car accident. Father was convicted of involuntary manslaughter and driving under the influence of alcohol. Step-mother was also a passenger and under the influence of alcohol.
Hampton	10/30/13	2/8/99	14.7	M	AA	Father	47	AA	M	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child died from a severe infection and dehydration. Father failed to obtain necessary medical attention and routinely left child and two additional children with special needs in care of sibling overnights.
Hampton	11/5/13	4/9/13	0.6	F	W	Mother's Paramour	25	W	M	Physical Abuse	No	Child found unresponsive while sleeping in a swing. Cause of death could not be determined ; however, there was evidence of injuries consistent with physical abuse.
Henry	11/18/13	10/10/08	5.1	F	AA	Mother	21	AA	F	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child died from acute methadone intoxication. Home was unsafe and unsanitary. Sibling also overdosed and survived. Mother was charged criminally.
Buchanan	11/30/13	5/16/12	1.5	M	W	Mother	27	W	F	Medical Neglect	No	Child died from pneumonia. Mother failed to take child for emergency medical care.
Richmond City	12/1/13	5/30/13	0.5	M	AA	Mother Father	24 27	AA AA	F M	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child died from acute bronchopneumonia. Parents failed to follow up with necessary medical care.
Lynchburg	12/21/13	2/1/12	1.9	M	Multi	Mother Father	29 29	W AA	F M	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child died from an overdose of fluoride. Both parents were asleep while child and five siblings were without supervision.
Winchester	12/21/13	12/29/10	3.0	F	W	Mother	24	W	F	Physical Abuse Medical Neglect	No	Child died from blunt force head trauma. Mother failed to seek emergency medical treatment. Mother was charged criminally.
Norfolk	1/14/14	8/17/13	0.4	F	AA	Father	30	AA	M	Physical Abuse Medical Neglect	Yes	Child died from trauma inflicted injuries. Father was charged with murder.
Prince William	1/25/14	9/14/13	0.4	M	W	Father	33	W	M	Physical Neglect	No	Child found unresponsive in bed with parents and a sibling. Father failed to follow medical advice regarding co-sleeping. Cause of death was suffocation.

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Pulaski	1/27/14	8/8/13	0.5	M	W	Mother Father	29 31	W W	F M	Physical Abuse Physical Neglect Medical Neglect	Yes	Child died from blunt force to the head/neck and asphyxia. Father buried child in shallow grave. Mother violated court order prohibiting unsupervised contact between child and father. Mother found guilty of child abuse; father awaiting trial for murder.
Russell	1/28/14	12/24/13	0.1	M	W	Mother Grandmother	20 39	W W	F F	Physical Abuse	No	Child died from SUID associated with co-sleeping. Grandmother knowingly left child with the mother who was found to be under the influence of alcohol at the time of child's death.
Russell	1/30/14	7/8/13	0.6	M	W	Mother Father	27 38	W W	F M	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child was found buried under a pile of toys in a playpen and died of suffocation. Both parents were asleep approximately five hours while child and sibling were without supervision.
Surry	2/7/14	6/16/97	16.6	M	W	Father	54	W	M	Physical Neglect	No	Child died as a result of overdose of methadone. Father failed to properly store his medication. Father was charged criminally.
Franklin City	2/12/14	5/25/07	6.7	M	AA	Mother	24	AA	F	Physical Abuse	No	Child died after being strangled by his mother. Mother was charged criminally.
Norfolk	2/17/14	8/29/13	0.5	F	AA	Father	22	AA	M	Physical Abuse	No	Child died from Abusive Head Trauma. Father was charged with second degree murder.
Washington	2/24/14	1/1/97	17.1	M	W	Father	44	W	M	Physical Abuse	No	Father shot and killed child, wife, grandmother and then himself.
Bedford	2/27/14	5/21/12	1.8	M	W	Mother Father	24 25	W W	F M	Physical Abuse Medical Neglect	Yes	Child died from asphyxiation. Mother was charged with suffocating child. Both parents charged with failing to seek emergency medical treatment and exposing the child to a meth lab.
Culpeper	3/6/14	3/6/14	0.0	F	W	Mother	38	W	F	Physical Neglect	No	Child drowned after mother gave birth in a toilet. No criminal charges.
King William	3/10/14	12/29/10	3.2	M	W	Mother	23	W	F	Physical Neglect	No	Child drowned after being left unattended in the bathtub by mother. Mother was charged criminally.
Portsmouth	3/24/14	9/30/10	3.5	M	AA	Mother's Paramour	21	W	M	Physical Abuse	No	Child died from blunt force head injuries. Mother's boyfriend was charged criminally.
Fairfax	3/29/14	4/10/13	1	M	Multi	Childcare Worker- Unregulated Setting	54	W	F	Physical Neglect	No	Child died from asphyxiation in an unsafe sleep environment. The unlicensed childcare provider was subject to licensure; her license had recently expired.

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Orange	4/6/14	3/3/04	10.1	M	W	Mother Mother's Paramour	36 37	W W	F M	Physical Abuse Physical Neglect	No	Child was shot by mother's boyfriend. Mother failed to protect child.
Franklin Co.	4/21/14	9/5/06	7.6	M	W	Childcare Worker- Unregulated Setting	54	W	M	Physical Neglect	No	Child was accidentally shot by a sibling with a firearm while in the care of a neighbor. The childcare provider was charged with felony child neglect. The provider was not subject to licensure.
Campbell	5/1/14	7/30/14	0.8	F	Multi	Mother's Paramour	41	AA	M	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child found unresponsive while co-sleeping in an adult bed. The condition of the home was unsafe and unsanitary.
Richmond City	5/1/14	3/8/06	8.1	M	AA	Mother	34	AA	F	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child was bludgeoned to death by a non-caretaker. Mother failed to provide adequate supervision given the child's age and development.
Norfolk	5/18/14	9/5/12	1.7	F	W	Stepparent	24	W	F	Physical Abuse	No	The child died as a result of inflicted blunt force trauma. The stepmother was charged criminally.
Hampton	5/20/14	12/31/10	3.4	M	AA	Mother's Paramour	22	AA	M	Physical Abuse	No	Child died from blunt force head injuries. The mother's boyfriend was charged criminally.
Chesapeake	5/23/14	3/10/13	1.2	M	W	Mother	21	W	F	Physical Neglect	No	The child died as a result of being wedged inbetween the crib and mattress. The mother was aware that the crib was unsafe yet continued its use.
Clarke	6/5/14	2/23/14	0.3	F	W	Mother	22	W	F	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child was found unresponsive face down in an unsafe sleep environment. Mother failed to provide proper supervision.
Richmond City	6/17/14	11/20/11	2.6	F	W	Mother	20	W	F	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child died from blunt force trauma to the neck as a result of being left unsupervised in a car and getting caught in the car window. Mother pled guilty to a felony charge.
Virginia Beach	6/26/14	12/4/06	7.6	F	A	Mother	40	A	F	Physical Abuse	No	The mother shot the child and then herself. Cause of death was gunshot wounds and was ruled a homicide by the medical examiner.
Campbell	6/27/14	3/13/14	0.3	M	W	Father Grandmother	42 65	W W	M F	Medical Neglect	Yes	Caretakers failed to seek immediate emergency medical treatment for child which would have prevented the death.
Smyth	6/29/14	2/13/08	6.4	F	W	Grandfather	52	W	M	Physical Neglect	Yes	Grandfather and child died as a result of falling off a train trestle. The grandfather ignored posted no trespassing warnings.

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Appendix B: Table of Unfounded Investigations with a Child Death

Locality	Date of Death	Date of Birth	Age (yrs)	Sex	Race	Alleged Abuser(s)	Age	Race	Sex	Abuse/Neglect Type	Previous History	Summary
Norfolk	07/02/13	01/01/13	0.5	F	Multi	Mother Father	29 36	W AA	F M	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child found unresponsive while sleeping in an adult bed. Child died from asphyxiation. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Chesapeake	07/07/13	04/06/12	1.3	M	AA	Mother	26	AA	F	Physical Abuse	Yes	Child died from head injuries sustained in a fall down stairs. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Norfolk	07/08/13	06/07/13	0.1	F	AA	Mother	21	AA	F	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child found unresponsive while sleeping on the floor. Cause of death was undetermined. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Newport News	07/11/13	12/21/11	1.6	M	W	Mother	31	W	F	Physical Neglect	No	Child died from choking on food while napping. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Appomattox	07/15/13	03/16/13	0.3	M	W	Childcare Worker in an Unregulated Setting	47	W	F	Physical Neglect	No	Child died from natural causes. The childcare provider was caring for eight children and was subject to licensure. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Norfolk	07/19/13	06/24/13	0.1	M	AA	Mother Father	24 33	AA AA	F M	Physical Neglect	No	Child found unresponsive after being put to sleep on a couch. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Mecklenburg	07/19/13	02/22/11	2.4	F	W	Mother	20	W	F	Physical Neglect	No	Child died from natural causes. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Prince William	07/20/13	12/27/12	0.6	F	Multi	Mother Father	32 36	W AA	F M	Physical Neglect	No	Child found unresponsive in a crib. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Campbell	07/21/13	10/31/11	1.7	F	A	Mother	38	A	F	Physical Neglect	No	Child was run over by a car in a parking lot. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Petersburg	08/16/13	03/03/13	0.5	F	AA	Father	30	AA	M	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child found unresponsive in a bed with the father. Cause of death was Sudden Unexplained Infant Death (SUID) associated with co-sleeping. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Virginia Beach	08/18/13	07/02/13	0.1	M	AA	Mother	24	AA	F	Physical Neglect	No	Child was found unresponsive and wedged between mother and a couch. Cause of death was smothering associated with co-sleeping. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Warren	08/20/13	07/12/11	2.1	F	W	Grandmother	55	W	F	Physical Neglect	No	Child drowned in swimming pool. No evidence of abuse or neglect.

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Newport News	08/23/13	05/17/13	0.3	M	AA	Grandmother	41	AA	F	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child found unresponsive on an air mattress. Cause of death was SUID associated with co-sleeping on an unsafe sleep surface. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Norfolk	08/28/13	07/16/13	0.1	M	Multi	Mother Father	23 19	AA W	F M	Physical Neglect	No	Child was found unresponsive on stomach in a bassinet. Cause of death was SUID/sleep related. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Westmoreland	08/30/13	02/24/11	2.5	M	W	Legal Guardians	29 29 27	W W W	F M M	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child drowned in an above ground pool. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Fluvanna	09/02/13	04/30/13	0.3	M	AA	Mother	28	AA	F	Physical Abuse	Yes	Child found unresponsive in a bed with mother. Cause of death was SUID associated with co-sleeping. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Shenandoah Co.	09/11/13	02/15/13	0.6	M	W	Father	22	W	M	Physical Abuse	No	Child found unresponsive in a crib face down. Cause of death was undetermined. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Prince William	09/27/13	04/09/13	0.5	F	W	Unknown	unk	unk	unk	Physical Abuse	No	Child found unresponsive in a day bed. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Virginia Beach	10/15/13	06/30/13	0.3	M	W	Mother Father	33 30	W W	F M	Physical Neglect	No	Child found unresponsive in a bed with the mother. Cause of death was SUID associated with co-sleeping. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Caroline	10/21/13	12/01/97	15.9	M	AA	Unknown	unk	unk	unk	Physical Neglect	No	Child died from natural causes. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Caroline	10/21/13	03/09/99	14.6	F	W	Unknown	unk	unk	unk	Physical Abuse	No	Child committed suicide. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Madison	10/26/13	12/18/00	12.9	M	W	Parents of Child's Friend	55 55	W W	F M	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child died as a result of a gunshot wound. There was no evidence of abuse or neglect by the owners of the gun.
Norfolk	10/27/13	09/12/13	0.1	M	AA	Grandmother	36	AA	F	Physical Neglect	No	Child found unresponsive while sleeping in a playpen. Cause of death was accidental suffocation. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Botetourt	10/18/13	09/21/13	0.1	F	W	Mother Father	33 21	W W	F M	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child found unresponsive in an adult bed while co-sleeping with the parents. No evidence of abuse or neglect
Norfolk	11/05/13	08/22/13	0.2	M	AA	Mother	26	AA	F	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child found unresponsive sleeping on the floor. Cause of death was SUID/sleep related. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Norfolk	11/05/13	06/01/13	0.4	F	AA	Mother	44	AA	F	Physical Neglect	No	Child found unresponsive sleeping in a bassinet. Cause of death was SUID/sleep related. No evidence of abuse or neglect

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Richmond City	11/11/13	01/09/13	0.8	F	AA	Mother Paramour	22 24	AA AA	F F	Physical Abuse Physical Neglect	Yes	Child found unresponsive while sleeping on a futon. The cause of death was SUID associated with co-sleeping.
Hopewell	12/03/13	08/13/12	1.3	F	AA	Mother Grandmother Grandmother's Paramour	23 52 61	AA AA AA	F F M	Medical Neglect	No	Child died from pneumonia. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Newport News	12/15/13	04/16/08	5.7	F	AA	Mother Father	20 23	AA AA	F M	Medical Neglect	No	Child died from asthma. Parents had sought medical treatment prior to death. There was no evidence of abuse or neglect.
Fairfax	12/17/13	08/11/13	0.4	F	AA	Mother	18	AA	F	Physical Abuse	No	Child found wedged between a mattress and a wall. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Norfolk	12/27/13	07/31/13	0.4	F	AA	Mother	22	AA	F	Physical Neglect	No	Child found unresponsive sleeping in a bed with the mother and her paramour. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Roanoke City	01/01/14	12/06/13	0.1	M	W	Mother Father	28 30	W W	F M	Physical Neglect	No	Child found unresponsive while co-sleeping with the mother on a mattress on floor. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Spotsylvania	01/01/14	08/28/13	0.3	M	W	Mother	31	W	F	Physical Abuse	No	Child found unresponsive while co-sleeping with the mother in an adult bed. The cause of death was SUID associated with co-sleeping. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
York	01/05/14	12/29/13	0.0	M	AA	Mother	28	AA	F	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child found unresponsive sleeping in a bassinet. Cause of death was SUID/sleep related. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Richmond City	01/09/14	09/29/13	0.3	M	AA	Mother Father	28 31	AA AA	F M	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child found unresponsive in a bed while sleeping with the parents. Cause of death was SUID associated with co-sleeping. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Halifax	01/10/14	11/26/13	0.1	M	AA	Grandmother	72	AA	F	Physical Neglect	No	Child found unresponsive while sleeping in a pack and play. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Shenandoah	01/12/14	10/07/10	3.3	M	W	Mother Father	31 30	W W	F M	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child died from a terminal genetic blood disease. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Hampton	01/13/14	10/01/13	0.3	F	AA	Father	31	AA	M	Physical Abuse	Yes	Child found unresponsive sleeping on a bed. Cause of death was SUID. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Roanoke City	01/19/14	10/21/13	0.2	F	Multi	Mother	28	W	F	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child found unresponsive while co-sleeping with the mother on a couch. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Hampton	01/31/14	11/09/13	0.2	F	AA	Mother Father	27 30	AA AA	F M	Physical Abuse	No	Child found unresponsive while sleeping on an air mattress with the parents and a sibling. Cause of death was accidental asphyxia from overlaying during co-sleeping.

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Roanoke City	02/16/14	12/08/13	0.2	F	AA	Father	20	AA	M	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child found unresponsive in an adult bed while co-sleeping with the father and a sibling. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Fauquier	02/23/14	02/11/14	0	M	W	Mother Father	27 27	W W	F M	Physical Neglect	No	Child found unresponsive sleeping in an adult bed. Cause of death was undetermined; medical examiner noted that pneumonia and unsafe sleep environment were contributing conditions. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Virginia Beach	02/24/14	09/17/13	0.4	M	W	Childcare Worker (2) in a Regulated Setting	54 54	AA AA	F F	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child found unresponsive in a pack-n-play by childcare provider. Cause of death was SUID associated with unsafe sleep. The provider operated a voluntary registered daycare home.
Suffolk	03/01/14	11/09/98	15.3	M	W	Mother Stepparent	32 33	W W	F M	Physical Abuse	Yes	Child found hanging in a tree and was determined to have died from accidental positional asphyxia. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Newport News	03/04/14	01/17/14	0.1	M	W	Father	38	W	M	Physical Neglect	No	Child found unresponsive while sleeping in a crib. Cause of death was SUID. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Washington	03/10/14	02/06/14	0.1	M	W	Mother Father	34 45	W W	F M	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child found unresponsive sleeping in an adult bed. Cause of death was suffocation due to co-sleeping. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Newport News	03/12/14	10/06/13	0.4	F	W	Mother Father	28 27	W W	F M	Physical Abuse	No	Child found unresponsive sleeping in a bassinet. Cause of death was Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Alexandria	03/16/14	12/18/13	0.2	F	W	Mother	34	W	F	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child died from an undetermined cause. There was no evidence of abuse or neglect.
Loudoun	03/22/14	01/28/14	0.2	M	W	Unknown	unk	unk	unk	Physical Abuse	No	Cause of death was intracranial hemorrhage of undetermined etiology and the manner of death was undetermined. There was no definitive evidence of external trauma/injury and the hemorrhage may have been caused by a birth injury.
Isle of Wight	03/26/14	10/11/10	3.5	F	W	Aunt	43	W	F	Physical Abuse	No	Child found unresponsive co-sleeping in a bed with an adult relative. Cause of death was undetermined. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Norfolk	03/27/14	12/14/13	0.3	M	Multi	Mother Father	21 23	unk AA	F M	Physical Neglect	No	Child found unresponsive sleeping in a bassinet. The cause of death was SUID/ sleep related. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Roanoke Co.	04/03/14	02/25/14	0.1	M	W	Grandmother	48	W	F	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child died while co-sleeping with the grandmother and a sibling. Cause of death was SUID associated with co-sleeping. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Richmond City	04/05/14	06/22/10	3.8	M	AA	Mother Father	28 32	AA AA	F M	Medical Neglect	No	Child died of natural causes. There was no evidence of abuse or neglect.

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Waynesboro	04/15/14	04/26/13	1	F	W	Childcare Worker - in a regulated setting	69	AA	F	Physical Abuse	No	Child was found unresponsive in a car seat. The medical examiner determined the cause of death was a hereditary heart abnormality. The childcare provider operated a voluntary registered daycare home.
Warren	04/19/14	11/19/07	6.4	M	W	Grandmother Grandfather	51 58	W W	F M	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child died after being struck by a car. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Roanoke Co.	05/03/14	01/28/14	0.3	M	W	Mother	31	W	F	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child found unresponsive while sleeping on an adult bed. No evidence of abuse or neglect. Cause of death was undetermined.
Suffolk	05/05/14	10/22/13	0.5	M	W	Childcare Worker - in an Unregulated Setting	50	W	F	Physical Abuse	No	Child died while sleeping on a bean bag chair. The cause of death was SUID, associated with unsafe sleep. The childcare provider was not subject to licensure.
Suffolk	05/08/14	09/10/02	11.7	F	W	Mother	34	W	F	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child committed suicide and died from drug overdose. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Lynchburg	05/12/14	05/13/14	0	M	W	Mother Father	29 36	W W	F M	Medical Neglect	No	Child died from a septic infection in his system. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Campbell	05/14/14	04/11/14	0.1	F	W	Mother Father	31 37	W W	F M	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child found unresponsive sleeping in a bassinet. Cause of death was interstitial lung disease. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Richmond City	05/23/14	11/03/13	0.6	F	AA	Mother Father	23 25	AA AA	F M	Medical Neglect	Yes	Child died from complications from being born premature. No evidence of abuse or neglect .
York	05/26/14	06/28/06	7.9	F	W	Other	unk	unk	unk	Physical Neglect	No	Child accidentally drown in the family pool. There was no evidence of abuse or neglect.
King & Queen	05/31/14	04/10/14	0.1	F	AA	Mother	25	AA	F	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child found unresponsive sleeping on an adult bed. Cause of death was SUID associated with unsafe bedding. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Halifax	06/01/14	01/26/12	2.3	M	W	Father Mother	26 22	W W	M F	Physical Neglect	No	Child died of accidental choking while eating. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Frederick	06/07/14	10/22/13	0.6	M	W	Father	32	W	M	Physical Neglect	No	Child found unresponsive while co-sleeping with both parents in an adult bed. Cause of death was accidental suffocation. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Loudoun	06/10/14	03/07/14	0.3	M	W	Mother Father	20 21	W W	F M	Physical Neglect	No	Child found unresponsive co-sleeping in a bed with parents. Cause of death was undetermined. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Loudoun	06/13/14	05/23/08	6.1	M	W	Childcare Worker (3) - in a Regulated Setting	48 17 17	W W W	F F F	Physical Neglect	No	Child accidentally drown in a swimming pool. No criminal charges. No evidence of abuse or neglect.

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Hampton	06/19/14	03/25/14	0.2	M	W	Mother Father	unk unk	W W	F M	Physical Abuse	No	Child found unresponsive on a boppy pillow. The death was ruled accidental by the medical examiner. There was no evidence of abuse or neglect.
Hampton	06/19/14	01/03/14	0.5	M	AA	Mother	26	AA	F	Physical Abuse	No	Child found unresponsive while co-sleeping with the mother. The cause of death was SUID, associated with co-sleeping and unsafe sleep surface. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Pulaski	06/20/14	04/22/01	13.2	M	W	Grandfather	65	W	M	Physical Neglect	No	Child died as a result of an all terrain vehicle rolling over and crushing him. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Norfolk	06/21/14	01/14/14	0.4	F	Multi	Mother Father	28 30	Multi AA	F M	Physical Neglect	Yes	Child found unresponsive sleeping on the floor. Cause of death was SIDS. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Prince George	06/28/14	03/05/14	0.3	M	W	Mother Father	22 30	W W	F M	Physical Neglect	No	Child found unresponsive laying face down in a car seat. Cause of death was asphyxia associated with overlay. No evidence of abuse or neglect.
Halifax	06/29/14	02/06/14	0.4	M	W	Mother Father	26 30	W W	F M	Physical Abuse	No	Child found unresponsive on soft bedding. Cause of death was accidental suffocation. No evidence of abuse or neglect.