

Z.A. CIRT Public Report

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Purpose Statement	Critical incident reports are used as tools for Department actions when the Department becomes aware of a critical incident resulting in a child fatality that was likely the result of abuse and the child, child's sibling or another child living in the household with the child has had contact with the Department (DHS). The reviews are called by the Department Director to quickly analyze DHS actions in relation to the critical incident and to ensure the safety and well-being of all children within the custody of DHS or during a child protective services assessment. The CIRT recommends which actions should be implemented and which individuals should be responsible for evaluating the implementation. Reports must not contain any confidential information or records that may not be disclosed to members of the public. Versions of all reports are posted on DHS' website.
Executive Summary	The Department was notified of Z.A.'s death in March of 2019. A review of the Department's history revealed limited history. The Department determined the death was a result of neglect and the CIRT was declared on July 17 th , 2019.
Summary of Critical Incident	Z.A. was found deceased by his father the morning of March, 16 th 2019. Z.A.'s death was determined to be the result of obstructive constipation and probable sepsis. Z.A. had serious pre-existing medical conditions increasing his susceptibility to constipation. Z.A. experienced episodes of significant illness caused by this medical problem and his father was referred to a specialist. Z.A.'s father did not follow through with this recommendation. The Department determined Z.A.'s death was the result of neglect.
Evaluation of Department Actions	The Department had limited contact with the family. The previous interactions were unrelated to Z.A.'s health condition. The CIRT determined prior interactions had no correlation to the outcome of this fatality.

Recommendations for improvements and associated tasks	No tasks were recommended as no systemic or case practice issues were identified.
Methods of evaluating expected outcomes	N/A