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Young child dies in Doña Ana County, CYFD conducts welfare checks

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Children, Youth & Families Department (CYFD) learned of the death of a young child in Doña Ana County late last week while in the care of the child's mother.

Over the weekend, CYFD conducted welfare checks on children under 3 years old. CYFD will continue to proactively center the well-being of the children in New Mexico and their families.

"I am saddened to hear of the loss of this young child," said acting CYFD Secretary Teresa Casados. "CYFD takes the well-being of any child on our radar, with the utmost care. CYFD is motivated to find the best solutions for our agency. The safety of New Mexico's children is our first and most important priority."

New Mexico CYFD will report information from investigations in accordance with statutes 32A-4-33.1 and 32A-4-33 as it becomes available.

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