

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §61-12B-2

§61-12B-2. Definitions.

As used in this article:

"Epidemiological analysis" means an analysis of demographic factors related to the child's fatality or near fatality including, but not limited to, an analysis of the following factors: the date of birth of the child; the sex of the child; the county of the child's residence; the race/ethnicity of the child; the date the child suffered the fatality or near fatality; the type of maltreatment; the cause of the fatality or near fatality; whether the agency had any contact, and if so, how many times, with the child or a member of the child's family or household before the fatality or near fatality; and maltreater demographic information.

"Known case" means any Child Protective Services case or youth services case in the Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System or a case assessed by Child Protective Services, youth services, or a contracted vendor;

"Near fatality" means any medical condition of the child which is certified by the attending physician to be life threatening. It shall also include incidents that have been found to have created a substantial risk of death or serious bodily injury to the child.