

6-Month Final Summary Report for Child Death, Serious Injury or Egregious Incident

Reports submitted to the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) that do not include all of the required information will be returned to the agency for proper completion. Do not identify individuals by name when completing this report. Individuals may be referenced by relationship or position; e.g., mother, father, child, sibling, physician, detective, etc.

Case Tracking Number: 140920DSP-POLK-479 **Agency:** Polk County Human Services Department

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 2 Years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: White, Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 09/20/2014

Description of the incident, including the suspected cause of death, injury or egregious abuse or neglect:

On September 20, 2014, the agency received a report regarding a two-year-old child brought to the hospital with head injuries. Medical professionals who examined the child suspected head trauma due to the child's presenting symptoms, so the child was transported to another hospital. Upon further medical examination, more injuries were documented. According to medical professionals, the child also had bilateral clavicle fractures and several bruises over his body.

Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation regarding the child's suspicious injuries. No criminal charges have been filed in this case.

Findings by agency, including maltreatment determination and material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency collaborated with law enforcement and medical personnel to complete the assessment. Medical professionals determined the child sustained head injuries, bilateral clavicle fractures and several bruises over his body as a result of non-accidental means. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the child by an unknown maltreater as there were family members who resided in the home who provided conflicting stories regarding the child's injuries. The agency also found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of neglect to the child by the mother, the maternal grandmother, and the maternal grandfather.

The child was deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed into out-of-home care. There is a no-contact order for the mother and family members who resided in the home. A Child in Need of Protection or Services petition was filed and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?
 Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom?

Child's residence at the time of incident: In-home Out-of-home care placement

Complete the appropriate following section (A. or B. based on the child's residence at the time of the incident).

A. Children residing at home at the time of the incident:

Description of the child's family (includes household members, noncustodial parent and other children that have visitation with the child and / or in the child's family home):

At the time of the incident, the child resided with his mother, his mother's significant other, his aunt, his maternal grandmother, his maternal grandfather, his maternal great-grandmother and his maternal great-grandfather. The child's biological father did not have contact with his son.

Yes No **Statement of Services:** Were services under ch. 48 or ch. 938 being provided to the child, any member of the child's family or alleged maltreater at the time of the incident, including any referrals received by the agency or reports being investigated at time of incident?

If "Yes", briefly describe the type of services, date(s) of last contact between agency and recipient(s) of those services, and the person(s) receiving those services:

N/A

Summary of all involvement in services as adults under ch. 48 or ch. 938 by child's parents or alleged maltreater in the previous five years: (Does not include the current incident.)

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and maternal grandfather. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was substantiated; however, the child was deemed safe. The case was opened to provide voluntary services to the family.

On March 24, 2010, the agency screened in a Services Report. The agency provided the family with community resources.

On September 20, 2013, the agency screened in a Services Report. The agency provided the family mental health resources.

Summary of actions taken by the agency under ch. 48, including any investigation of a report or referrals to services involving the child, any member of the child's family living in this household and the child's parents and alleged maltreater. (Does not include the current incident.)

(Note: Screened out reports listed in this section may include only the date of the report, screening decision, and if a referral to services occurred at Access. Reports that do not constitute a reasonable suspicion of maltreatment or a reason to believe that the child is threatened with harm are not required to be screened in for an initial assessment, and no further action is required by the agency.)

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On February 16, 2010, the agency screened out a CPS Report.

On March 24, 2010, the agency screened in a Services Report. The agency provided the family with community resources.

On November 30, 2012, the agency screened out a CPS Report.

On September 20, 2013, the agency screened out a CPS Report.

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On October 9, 2013, the agency screened out a CPS Report.

Summary of any investigation involving the child, any member of the child's family and alleged maltreater conducted under ch. 48 and any services provided to the child and child's family since the date of the incident:

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B. Children residing in out-of-home care (OHC) placement at time of incident:

Description of the OHC placement and basis for decision to place child there:

N/A

Description of all other persons residing in the OHC placement home:

N/A

Licensing history: Including type of license, duration of license, summary of any violations by licensee or an employee of licensee or other actions that constitute a substantial failure to protect and promote the welfare of the child.

N/A

Summary of any actions taken by agency in response to the incident: (Check all that apply.)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screening of Access report | <input type="checkbox"/> Attempted or successful reunification |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protective plan implemented | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referral to services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial assessment conducted | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety plan implemented | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with law enforcement |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temporary physical custody of child | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with medical professionals |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services) | <input type="checkbox"/> Supervised visitation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Placement into foster home | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement with relatives | <input type="checkbox"/> Case closed by agency |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ongoing Services case management | <input type="checkbox"/> Initiated efforts to address or enhance community collaboration on CA/N cases |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): |

FOR DSP COMPLETION IF RECORD OR ON-SITE REVIEW WAS UNDERTAKEN:

Summary of policy or practice changes to address issues identified based on the record or on-site review of the incident:

Under Child Welfare Disclosure Act (Section 48.981(7)(cr), Stats.), the DSP completes a 90-Day review of the agency's practice in each case reported under the Act. As part of the 90-Day Summary, an internal review did not identify indicators of the child welfare agency response that require further review. This report completes the DSP actions related to this incident.

Recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes needed to address identified issues based on the record or on-site review:

None

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- Yes No Not Applicable This 6-Month Final summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) action on this case.