

6 Month 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: 150705-Winn-592 **Agency:** Winnebago County Department of Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 3 Years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 07/05/2015

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

On January 15, 2016, the agency received a report regarding a 4 year old child regarding new information surrounding a car accident that the child was in with her mother in July 2015. Information received indicated that the child's mother was under the influence of illegal drugs at the time of the serious car accident at which time the child was ejected from the vehicle. The child was treated for minor injuries and bruises. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the mother was arrested and criminally charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. A criminal charge is merely an allegation and a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate neglect to the child by the child's mother. The child was involved in a serious car accident that was caused by the mother's use of illegal drugs. The agency determined the child safe and the child was safe in the home of her relatives, with whom she had been living following the July 2015 accident. The agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment and no service referrals were made.

Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?

Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The mother.

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):

The child resided with the mother and mother's boyfriend at the time of the incident in July 2015.

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.)

On April 1, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging sexual abuse to the child by the child's brother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of sexual abuse was unsubstantiated.

On April 7, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child and the child's now 9-year-old brother by the child's mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated.

On July 17, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report, alleging neglect to the child by the child's mother. An alternative response assessment was completed by the agency and found that services were not needed.

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.)

On August 8, 2014, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On October 1, 2014, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On March 27, 2015, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

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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:

The agency collaborated with law enforcement and medical personnel to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate neglect to the child by the child's mother. The child was involved in a serious car accident that was caused by the mother's use of illegal drugs. The agency determined the child safe and the child was safe in the home of her relatives, with whom she had been living following the July 2015 accident. The agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment and no service referrals were made.

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 type="checkbox"/> Protective plan implemented | <input type="checkbox"/> Referral to services |
| <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Temporary physical custody of child | <input type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with medical professionals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services) | <input type="checkbox"/> Supervised visitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement into foster home | <input type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement with relatives | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case closed by agency |
| <input 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 the Child Welfare Disclosure Act (Section 48.981(7)(cr), Stats.), the Department of Children and Families' (DCF) Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) completes in an initial review the agency's practice for each case reported under the Act. A further practice review has been completed for case #160123-WINN-592. As a result of this review process, DSP determined the agency implemented steps to improve the consistency and quality of safety assessment and decision-making

practices.

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

Based on the agency's effort and response to this incident and DSP review, no further statewide policy, practice, or statutory changes are recommended.

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