

# 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:** 161016-DSP-MILW-655      **Agency:** Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services

**Child Information** (at time of incident)

Age: 3 Months      Gender:  Female    Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** 10/16/2016

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

On October 16, 2016, the agency received a report regarding a 3-month-old infant pronounced deceased in her home by emergency medical personnel. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation into the infant's unexplained death. The Medical Examiner's Office report noted no evidence of injury and stated the cause of the child's death as undetermined; several autopsy diagnoses are pending. No criminal charges were filed and the case was closed.

**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 insufficient evidence to substantiate neglect to the infant by the infant's mother. The infant's sibling was deemed unsafe, taken into temporary physical custody and placed with a relative. 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 infant resided with her mother and her 9-year-old sister. The infant's 17-year-old brother occasionally visited the home. Paternity has not been established for the infant.

**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:**

At the time of the incident, the agency had an open Initial Assessment regarding a referral received on October 5, 2016 alleging neglect to the infant by the infant's mother. The last contact by the agency to the infant's mother was a telephone call on October 12, 2016.

**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 August 3, 2012, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse of the infant's now 9-year-old sister by the infant's mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of physical abuse were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

On October 19, 2012, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the infant's now 9-year-old sister by the infant's mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

On August 4, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 9-year-old sister by the infant's

mother. The agency was unable to locate the family to conduct an initial assessment and the case was closed.

On April 21, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infant's now 9-year-old sister by the infant's mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

On June, 24, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant by the infant's mother. An Initial Assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

On October 5, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant and the infant's now 9-year-old sister by the infant's mother. An Initial Assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was substantiated. The case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

**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 June 11, 2002, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On January 12, 2007, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 9-year-old sister by the infant's mother. The agency was unable to locate the family and the case was closed.

On April 9, 2007, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the infant's now 9-year-old sister by the infant's mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

On September 7, 2010, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse of the infant's now 9-year-old sister by the infant's mother. The agency was unable to locate the family and the case was closed.

On June 24, 2011, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On August 3, 2012, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse of the infant's now 9-year-old sister by the infant's mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

On October 19, 2012, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the infant's now 9-year-old sister by the infant's mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

On September 25, 2013, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On August 4, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 9-year-old sister by the infant's mother. The agency was unable to locate the family to conduct an initial assessment and the case was closed.

On April 21, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infant's now 9-year-old sister by the infant's mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

On May 2, 2015, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On June, 24, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant by the infant's mother. An Initial Assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

On October 5, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant and the infant's now 9-year-old sister

by their mother. An Initial Assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was substantiated. The case remains open to provide ongoing case management services.

On October 5, 2016, 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:**

The agency collaborated with law enforcement and medical personnel to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found insufficient evidence to substantiate neglect to the infant by the infant's mother. The infant's sibling was deemed unsafe, taken into temporary physical custody and placed with a relative. The case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

**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 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 type="checkbox"/> Placement into foster home  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services                                     |
| <input checked="" 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):   |

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**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 DSP completes a 90-Day review of the agency's practice in each case reported under the act. A further practice review has been completed for case # 160227DSP-MILW-655. As a result of this review process, the DSP determined the agency implemented changes to improve the consistency and quality of safety practices, including booster training for all Initial Assessment staff, and internal procedure to ensure safety is reviewed and managed until case closure.

**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 policy, practice, or statutory changes are recommended.

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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.

