

## 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:** 170404DSP-Colum-706 **Agency:** Columbia County Department of Health and Human Services

### Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 1 month Gender:  Female  Male

Race or Ethnicity: White

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** 04/04/2017

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

On April 4, 2017, the agency received a report regarding a one-month-old infant brought to the hospital with concerns of malnourishment. Medical professionals who examined the child suspected maltreatment due to the child's presenting symptoms, and the child was transported to another hospital. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation regarding the child's suspicious injuries. Medical personnel diagnosed the infant with Non-Organic Failure to Thrive. No criminal charges have been filed in this case, but the investigation remains open.

### 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 maltreatment of neglect to the infant by the father and mother. Medical professionals diagnosed the infant with Non-Organic Failure to Thrive. The infant and her siblings were deemed unsafe, a plan was developed to control for their safety in the home, and the children remained with their mother and father. 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 infant resided with her father, mother, paternal grandparents, and 3-year-old and 1-year-old sisters.

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 was initiating contact with the family to assess for possible service needs, in response to the March 9, 2017 screened-in Services Report. The agency attempted contact with the family several times, and had not yet established face-to-face contact. The last attempt by the agency was a voicemail for the family left on March 20, 2017.

**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 March 9, 2017, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The agency was assessing the family's need for services when the incident occurred.

On August 15, 2016, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On March 15, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 3-year-old and - year-old sisters by the 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 September 29, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 1-year-old sister by the mother and father. 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 July 31, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 3-year-old sister by the 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.

**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 April 4, 2011, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On November 24, 2009, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The agency provided the family with resources on economic supports in the community.

On November 12, 2009, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The agency provided the family with resources on economic supports in the community.

On December 1, 2006, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On September 17, 2003, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infant's father by the infant's paternal grandmother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated. The case was closed at the completion of the initial assessment.

On May 14, 2003, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging sexual abuse to the infant's father by the infant's paternal grandfather. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of sexual abuse was unsubstantiated. The case was closed at the completion of the initial assessment.

On November 16, 2001, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's father by the infant's paternal grandmother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was substantiated. The case was open with agency for ongoing case management.

**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 maltreatment of neglect to the infant by the father and mother. Medical professionals diagnosed the infant with Non-Organic Failure to Thrive. The infant and her siblings were deemed unsafe, a plan was developed to control for their safety in the home, and the children remained with their mother and father. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition was filed and 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protective plan implemented                                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referral to services   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial assessment conducted                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation assistance  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety plan implemented   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with law enforcement                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary physical custody of child  | <input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): In-home Safety Services                          |

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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 Department of Children and Families' (DCF) Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) completes an initial review of the agency's practice for each case reported under the Act. A further practice review has been completed for case 170404DSP-Colum-706. As a result of this review process, the DSP determined the agency had implemented efforts to address staffing shortages.

**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.