

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: 171109-DSP-DANE-780 **Agency:** Dane County Department of Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 3 years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian/White

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 11/09/2017

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

On November 9, 2017, the agency received a report regarding a 3-year-old child brought to the hospital with multiple injuries. Medical personnel determined that some of the injuries were non-accidental in nature. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the mother was charged with Felony Neglecting a Child (Consequence is Bodily Harm). 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 maltreatment of physical abuse to the child by an unknown maltreater and neglect of the child by his mother. The child was deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed in a relative foster 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? The child's 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):

At the time of the incident, the child resided with his mother. The child's biological father is deceased.

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 assessing the September 13, 2017 and November 6, 2017 CPS Reports. The last contact by the agency was a home visit with the child and his mother on October 24, 2017.

Additionally, the child's mother's boyfriend was open to the agency under a Child in Need of Protection of Services Petition for another child with a different mother. The last contact by the agency was face-to-face with the child of that case on September 27, 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.)

The following history is related to the child's mother:

On November 6, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the child by the mother and the mother's boyfriend. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse by the mother and the mother's boyfriend was unsubstantiated.

On September 13, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child by the child's mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was substantiated.

On August 17, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child by the child's mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The family was referred to parenting services. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On April 14, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child by the child's mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The family was referred to community services. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On June 2, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child by the child's mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The family was referred to community services. The case was closed upon the completion of the Initial Assessment.

On April 21, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child by the child's mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The family was referred to community services. The case was closed upon the completion of the Initial Assessment.

The following history is related to the child's father:

On July 7, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child by the child's father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The family was referred to community services. The case was closed upon the completion of the Initial Assessment.

The following history is related to the child's mother's boyfriend:

On November 6, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the child by the mother and the mother's boyfriend. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse by the mother and the mother's boyfriend was unsubstantiated. The case remained open under the May 2, 2017 CPS Report resulting in a Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition.

On May 2, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to a now 2-year-old son of the child's mother's current boyfriend (no relation to the above child subject) by the boyfriend and that child's mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The 2-year-old child was deemed unsafe and a Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition was filed. 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.)

The following history is related to the child's mother:

On November 6, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the child by the mother and the mother's boyfriend. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse by the mother and the mother's boyfriend was unsubstantiated.

On September 13, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child by the child's mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was substantiated.

On August 17, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child by the child's mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The family was referred to parenting services. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On August 10, 2016, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On April 14, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child by the child's mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The family was referred to community services. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On December 23, 2015, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On November 23, 2015, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On June 2, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child by the child's mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The family was referred to community services. The case was closed upon the completion of the Initial Assessment.

On April 21, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child by the child's mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The family was referred to community services. The case was closed upon the completion of the Initial Assessment.

The following history is related to the child's father:

On July 7, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child by the child's father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The family was referred to community services. The case was closed upon the completion of the Initial Assessment.

On October 22, 2010, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the child's father's now 9-year-old child by the father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon the completion of the Initial Assessment.

On February 14, 2012, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

The following history is related to the child's mother's boyfriend:

On November 6, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the child by the mother and the mother's boyfriend. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse by the mother and the mother's boyfriend was unsubstantiated. The case remained open under the May 2, 2017 CPS Report resulting in a Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition.

On May 2, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to a now 2-year-old son of the child's mother's current boyfriend (no relation to the above child subject) by the boyfriend and that child's mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The 2-year-old child was deemed unsafe and a Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition was filed. The case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

On February 3, 2017, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On October 26, 2016, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On April 19, 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 a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the child by

an unknown maltreater and neglect of the child by his mother. The child was deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed in a relative foster home. 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 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 checked="" 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): |

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 171109-DSP-DANE-780. As a result of this review process, the DSP determined the agency had implemented local alternatives and efficiencies to enhance their recruitment and hiring processes, to effectively fill CPS vacancies.

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

None

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