

## 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:** 190215DSP-Racin-905      **Agency:** Racine County Human Services Department

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

Age: 3 Months      Gender:  Female    Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African-American

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** 2/15/2019

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

On February 15, 2019, the agency received a report regarding a 3-month-old infant pronounced deceased at a certified in-home child care facility. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. The Medical Examiner's Office noted no signs of maltreatment or trauma to the infant; formal autopsy results are pending. No criminal charges have been filed and 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 insufficient evidence to substantiate neglect of the infant by an unknown maltreater. The Medical Examiner's Office noted no signs of maltreatment or trauma to the infant. The agency determined the infant's siblings to be safe, and the children remained with their mother. The agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment. The child care facility was voluntarily closed.

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, 1-year-old sister, 3-year-old half-brother, 7-year-old half-sister and 10-year-old half-brother. The infant was in the care of a certified in-home child care facility at the time of her death.

**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 a January 8, 2019, CPS Report alleging abuse by an unrelated caregiver. The last contact by the agency was a phone call with the mother on February 14, 2019.

**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 infant's mother:

On March 27, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report for Alternative Response alleging physical abuse to the infant's now 7-year-old half-sister by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency with the determination of services not needed. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

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

On January 13, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect by the infant's father to the infant's now

3-year-old half-brother, 7-year-old half-sister and 10-year-old half-brother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was substantiated. 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.)

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

On January 10, 2019, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On January 9, 2019, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On March 27, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report for Alternative Response alleging physical abuse to the infant's now 7-year-old half-sister by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency with the determination of services not needed. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On November 30, 2017, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

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

On May 12, 2016, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On October 5, 2015, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

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

On January 13, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect by the infant's father to the infant's now 3-year-old half-brother, 7-year-old half-sister and 10-year-old half-brother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was substantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

**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 of the infant by an unknown maltreater. The Medical Examiner's Office noted no signs of maltreatment or trauma to the infant. The agency determined the infant's siblings to be safe, and the children remained with their mother. The agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment. The child care facility was voluntarily closed.

**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.)

- Screening of Access report  Attempted or successful reunification

- Protective plan implemented
- Initial assessment conducted
- Safety plan implemented
- Temporary physical custody of child
- Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services)
- Placement into foster home
- Placement with relatives
- Ongoing Services case management

- Referral to services
- Transportation assistance
- Collaboration with law enforcement
- Collaboration with medical professionals
- Supervised visitation
- Case remains open for services
- Case closed by agency
- Initiated efforts to address or enhance community collaboration on CA/N cases
- 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 190215-DSP-RACIN-905. As a result of this review process, the DSP did not determine policy or practice changes were needed.

**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 final summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) action on this case.