

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: 190605DSP-MILW-928 **Agency:** Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 3 years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 06/05/2019

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

On June 6, 2019, the agency received a report regarding a 3-year-old child brought to the hospital with a chest injury. Medical personnel determined the injury was non-accidental in nature. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the mother was criminally charged with 2nd-Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety and 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 neglect to the 3-year-old child and his 9-month-old half-sister by their mother. The 3-year-old child and his 5-year-old half-sister and 9-month-old half-sister were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed with a relative. Petitions for Protection or Services were 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 3-year-old 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, 5-year-old half-sister, and 9-month-old half-sister. The 3-year-old's father did not have visitation.

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 March 14, 2019 screened-in CPS Report. The agency's last contact with the family was on March 18, 2019, when a caseworker made face-to-face contact with the mother in her home.

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 March 14, 2019, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now 3-year-old child, his 5-year-old half-sister, and his 9-month-old half-sister, by their mother. The above incident occurred during the assessment period and an additional report was made to the agency. An assessment was completed by the agency and the initial allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated.

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

On December 12, 2014, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The agency provided the family with 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 March 14, 2019, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now 3-year-old child, his 5-year-old half-sister, and his 9-month-old half-sister, by their mother. The above incident occurred during the assessment period and an additional report was made to the agency. An assessment was completed by the agency and the initial allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated.

On March 28, 2018, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On January 21, 2014, the mother's rights were terminated to the child's now 7-year-old half-sister.

On May 15, 2012, the agency screened-in a CPS Report for Alternative Response alleging neglect to the child's now 7-year-old half-sister by their mother and the half-sister's father. On May 16, 2012, the agency deemed the now 7-year-old half-sister to be unsafe, took Temporary Physical Custody, and filed a Petition for Protection or Services. The court placed the now 7-year-old half-sister in the home of a relative and the case remained open for ongoing services.

On February 9, 2012, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now 7-year-old half-sister by their mother and the half-sister's 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 November 17, 2011, the agency screened-in a CPS Report for Alternative Response alleging neglect to the child's now 7-year-old half-sister by their 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 12, 2011, the agency screened-in a CPS Report for Alternative Response alleging neglect to the child's now 7-year-old half-sister by their 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 March 23, 2011, the mother's rights were terminated to the child's now 9-year-old half-sister.

On January 1, 2011, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The agency provided the family with services.

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

On March 7, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now 5-year-old half-sister by their father and the half-sister's mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The family was referred to community services and the case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On January 9, 2014, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The agency provided the family with services.

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 3-year-old child and his 9-month-old half-sister by their mother. The 3-year-old child and his 5-year-old half-sister and 9-month-old half-sister were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed with a relative. Petitions for Protection or Services were 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 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): |

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 190605DSP-Milw-928. As a result of this review process, the DSP determined the agency had implemented efforts to improve the consistency and quality of safety practices, including updating of the training provided to CPS staff.

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