

## 90-Day Summary Report for Child Death, Serious Injury or Egregious Incident

Case Tracking Number: 100429DSP-PN-17 Agency: Pierce County Dept. of Human Services

Child Information: Age: 21 months Gender:  Female  Male  
Race or Ethnicity: Native American  
Special needs: None

Child's Residence:  In-home  Out-of-home care placement

Date of Incident: 4/29/10

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

The child was found non-responsive and not breathing when her great grandmother attempted to wake her in the morning. CPR was administered and emergency medical services responded. The child was transported to the hospital where she was pronounced dead. The cause of death was ruled to be bacterial pneumonia.

### Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency unsubstantiated maltreatment regarding the child's death. The agency's investigation determined that the child had been lethargic and had a fever late in the day on the day prior to her death. She was administered a children's dose of ibuprofen shortly before bed. She was checked on twice throughout the night and had somewhat congested breathing. There were no indications that immediate medical care was necessary.

### Additional information for children in home:

#### Description of the child's family:

Yes  No **Statement of Services:** Were services under ch. 48 or ch. 938 being provided to the child, 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:

Summary of all involvement in services under ch. 48 or ch. 938 by child's parents or alleged maltreater in the previous five years:

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 or alleged maltreater:

Summary of any investigation conducted under ch. 48 or ch. 938 and any services provided to the family since the date of the incident:

### Additional information for children in out-of-home (OHC) placement at time of incident:

#### Description of the OHC placement and basis for decision to place child there:

In 2009, the child and her sibling were placed in OHC due to her parents' inability to provide for their care. The parents were homeless, and there were concerns of drug use by the parents in the presence of the children. Both parents also had active warrants and were arrested at the time that the children were placed into care. The children were originally cared for by other relatives, who were unable to provide full-time care. The children were initially placed into a county licensed foster home. Their great-grandmother expressed her desire to have the children placed with her. The home and family were assessed for eligibility, and the children were placed there in a court ordered Kinship Care placement.

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**Description of all other persons residing in the OHC placement home:**

The child lived in the home with her sibling and great-grandmother. The child's mother was temporarily residing in the home with them at the time of the child's death.

**Licensing history:** Including type of license, duration of license, summary of any violations by licensee or an employee of licensee that constitutes a substantial failure to protect and promote the welfare of the child.

This is a court-ordered Kinship Care provider with an unlicensed relative. In 2009, the relative applied for and was determined eligible for Kinship Care, specifically to provide care for her great-grandchildren. There have been no program violations.

**\* Summary of actions taken by agency in response to the incident:**

The agency conducted an initial assessment and assessed the safety of the surviving child. The allegation of maltreatment was unsubstantiated and the sibling remains in Kinship Care placement with this relative. The family was offered services to assist them with their loss of the child.

**\*Summary of policy or practice changes to address identified issues:**

None

**\*Recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes needed to address identified issues:**

None

**Statement of Completion:**

Yes  No This 90-day summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) review of this case.

\* If a full report including agency actions, changes in policies or practices and recommendations for further changes was not completed within 90 days, the DSP will complete and submit the final summary report within 6 months.