

## Child Death, Serious Injury or Egregious Incident Summary Report

Type of Report:  90-Day  Final

Case Tracking Number: 100702DSP-PN-31 Agency: Rock County Human Services Dept.

Child Information: Age: 23 months Gender:  Female  Male  
Race or Ethnicity: White-Hispanic  
Special needs: None prior to this incident

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

Date of Incident: 7/2/10 and earlier

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

On 7/2/10 the agency received a report that the child was taken to the hospital emergency room with suspicious injuries. The child had bruising on her forehead and cheeks, was vomiting and lethargic. The child also had two linear marks on her labia. Upon examination, it was learned that the child had numerous bruises, including bruising on her arms, ribs, back, buttock, left hamstring and inner thigh, in different stages of healing and made by different objects, such as a footprint, fingerprint, wire and belt bruising. She had abusive head trauma with three potential brain bleeds. She has some brain damage and is at risk for developmental delays. The babysitter, who is a relative and a minor, confessed to beating the child. The child's mother knew that over the past week the child had bruises but did not change babysitters or seek medical attention until 7/2/10.

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

The agency substantiated physical abuse to the injured child by an unknown maltreater and substantiated neglect to the injured child and her sibling by her mother. The mother was not truthful during the interviews with law enforcement and the agency social worker, initially attempting to protect herself and the young babysitter. The babysitter confessed to harming the child. The mother admitted that she did not seek medical care when she saw different injuries on her daughter. The babysitter was placed in Juvenile Detention, and the mother has been criminally charged with misdemeanor Neglecting a Child.

### Additional information for children in home:

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

The child lived with her mother and older sibling.

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:

N/A

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

None

**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:**

In 2004 the agency provided services to this mother when she was a minor.

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

The agency screened in and investigated the report on this incident. Physical abuse to the child by the babysitter was substantiated. Neglect to both children by their mother also was substantiated. The children were determined to be unsafe in their mother's care. Both children were removed from their mother's care. The injured child was placed into treatment foster care and her uninjured sibling was placed with relatives. The mother's contact with the children is supervised by the agency. The family is receiving Ongoing Services from the agency, which includes services for the mother and children.

**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:**

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

**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.

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

The agency screened in, investigated and substantiated the allegations of maltreatment to the children. The agency determined the children to be unsafe in the care of their mother. Contact between the mother and children is supervised. The injured child was placed into a treatment foster home and later placed with relatives. The agency arranged court ordered Kinship Care placements for both of the children. The sibling was examined medically, and the injured child continues to receive medical and therapeutic services. The family continues to receive Ongoing Services.

**\*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.

This final summary report completes the DSP review of this case.