

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

Case Tracking Number: 110625DSP-EauCl-120 Agency: Eau Claire County Dept. of Human Services

Child Information: Age: 9 months Gender:  Female  Male  
Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian  
Special needs: None

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

Date of Incident: 6/25/11

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

The parents called 911 after the child fell backwards, hitting her head on the floor. The child was taken to the hospital where she was placed on life support until June 26, 2011. She died from undetermined blunt force head trauma. The description of the incident typically would not result in this severe of injury, but the cause of death does not appear indicative of child abuse. No criminal charges were filed in connection with the child's death.

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

The agency unsubstantiated maltreatment to the child and determined her siblings safe in their parents' care. The family was at home watching television when the child crawled to her father and put her hands on his knees. He helped her stand, and she reached for her father's head. According to the parents, the child's body arched backward, and she fell hitting her head on the floor. Her father picked her up, and her body went limp. An extensive investigation by law enforcement was conducted, and no criminal charges were filed. Although the explanation of the incident does not seem likely to have caused a fatal injury, the medical expert indicated that there are documented cases where similar damage has occurred that was not necessarily indicative of child abuse.

### Additional information for children in home:

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

The child lived at home with her parents and two older siblings.

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 as adults 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 living in this household and the child's parents and alleged maltreater at the age of 18 years or older:**

None

**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 unsubstantiated maltreatment to the child and determined the siblings safe in their parents' care. The parents were actively involved in support services following the death and declined services from the agency.

### 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 and investigated the report of the child's death. Maltreatment was unsubstantiated, and the surviving siblings were determined safe. The agency collaborated with law enforcement and medical professionals during the initial assessment. They implemented a protective plan, requiring that the parents' interactions with the surviving children were supervised by relatives early in the assessment. The parents declined the offer of services, and the agency closed the case.

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

The agency is not in full compliance with the CPS Access and Initial Assessment Standards and did not submit the 90-Day Summary Report in compliance with DSP Memo Series 2010-06. The DSP is working with the agency on the identified issues.

**\*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.