

## 90-Day 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:** 120919DSP-Milw-252      **Agency:** Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

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

Age: 11 months      Gender:  Female    Male

Race or Ethnicity: African American

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** 9/19/12

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

On 9/20/12, the agency received a report regarding an 11-month-old child who was admitted to the hospital with suspicious injuries. The child presented with second and third degree burns on her face, chest and throat. The mother reported that she had left the child and the child's 2-year-old sister in the care of her boyfriend for approximately 30 minutes while running an errand with her 4-year-old son. When the mother returned home, she observed the child's face to be swollen and pink. The mother claimed that for a period of 36 hours, her boyfriend refused to allow her to leave the home or seek medical assistance for the child. The mother's boyfriend initially stated that the child had fallen down the stairs, but eventually admitted to law enforcement that he pushed the child's face into a pan of hot grease because she wouldn't stop crying. The mother's boyfriend has been criminally charged with one count of Child Abuse – Intentionally Cause Great Bodily Harm and one count of Neglecting a Child (Consequence is Great 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 screened in and collaborated with law enforcement to complete the assessment. The agency substantiated physical abuse to the child by the mother's boyfriend. The child presented with significant burns which the boyfriend admitted to causing intentionally. The agency also substantiated neglect to the child by the mother. The mother waited a significant amount of time to seek medical assistance for the child despite the clear severity of her injuries. The mother's children were determined unsafe and were placed with a relative. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition was filed and the case remains open for ongoing case management services with the agency.

Yes    No   Criminal investigation pending or completed?

Yes    No   Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The mother's boyfriend

**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):

The child was living with his mother, mother's boyfriend, 4-year-old half-brother and 2-year-old sister. The home also consisted of the boyfriend's mother, the boyfriend's brother, the brother's girlfriend and the brother's girlfriend's 3-year-old and 6-month-old children.

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:**

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:** (Does not include the current incident.)

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.** (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.)

None

**Summary of any investigation involving the child, any member of the child’s family and alleged maltreater conducted under ch. 48 or ch. 938 and any services provided to the child and child’s family since the date of the incident:**

The agency screened in and assessed the allegation of physical abuse to the child. Physical abuse by the mother’s boyfriend and neglect by the mother was substantiated. The mother’s children were determined unsafe and were placed with a relative. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition was filed and the case remains open for ongoing case management services. The agency also assessed the safety of the brother’s girlfriend’s children and found them to be safe. No further services were offered to the brother’s girlfriend or her children.

**B. Children residing 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protective plan implemented  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referral to services   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial assessment conducted   | <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 ONLY:**

**Summary of policy or practice changes to address issues identified during the review of the incident:**

Under the Child Welfare Disclosure Act (Section 48.981(7)(cr), Stats.), the DSP completes a 90-day review of the agency's practice in each case reported under the Act. The DSP did not identify practice issues during the review of the incident.

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

None

- Yes  No  Not Applicable This 90-day summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) review of this case.

If the case review was not completed within 90 days, the DSP will complete and submit the final summary report within 6 months.

The agency must submit an electronic copy of the completed 90-Day Summary Report to [Tara.Muender@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Tara.Muender@wisconsin.gov)