

## 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:** 130118DSP-Sheb-287      **Agency:** Sheboygan County Health and Human Services Department

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

Age: 2 months      Gender:  Female    Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** 1/18/13

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

On January 18, 2013, the agency received a report regarding a 2-month-old with a head injury. The morning of January 18, 2013, the mother noticed a bump on the right side of the infant's head. The father initially reported that he fell asleep on the sofa with the infant on his chest the night before. The infant reportedly rolled off the father's chest and hit her head on the arm of the sofa, which is framed with wood. The mother sought medical treatment for the infant. Medical personnel determined the infant had a large parietal skull fracture; multiple subarachnoid and subdural bleeds; bilateral retinal hemorrhages; anterior and posterior rib fractures, which were in various stages of healing; bruising on the chest, neck, arms and ear; and compression fractures to three vertebrae. Medical personnel determined the father's explanation was not consistent with the injuries. Law enforcement was contacted to investigate the cause of the injuries. The father admitted he picked the child up and "tossed her down." The father added that he squeezed the infant's chest and threw her on to the sofa where she hit her head. The father was criminally charged with one count of Child Abuse-Recklessly Cause Great Harm and found 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. Physical abuse to the infant by the father was substantiated. The father admitted to squeezing and throwing the infant causing some of the injuries. The father reported this was an isolated incident due to being tired and frustrated his daughter would not go to sleep. However, the father's claim that this was isolated is not consistent with the injuries as medical personnel indicated the rib fractures were in various stages of healing. The infant and her two older brothers were determined safe in the care of the mother. The father is not allowed any unsupervised contact with the children. The agency filed a Child in Need of Protection or Services petition in juvenile court.

- Yes    No   Criminal investigation pending or completed?  
 Yes    No   Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The father

**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 infant lived with his mother, father, 3-year-old brother and 6-year-old brother.

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.)

On 4/10/12, the agency screened out an allegation of neglect to the 2-year-old (now 3-year-old).

**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. Physical abuse to the infant by the father was substantiated. The children were determined safe in the care of the mother. The agency filed a Child in Need of Protection or Services petition and the family continues to receive ongoing case management services.

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attempted or successful reunification                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protective plan implemented   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referral to services   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial assessment conducted   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation assistance   |
| <input checked="" 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 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)