

## 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:** 140311DSP-Calu-428      **Agency:** Calumet County Department of Health and Human Services

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

Age: 1 Year      Gender:  Female    Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: None Known

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**Date of Incident:** March 11, 2014

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

On March 14, 2014, the agency received a report regarding concerns for neglect to one-year-old twins. The report alleged the two children had not been to the doctor in six months and they did not appear to be gaining weight. The reporter described the twins as "very small" and appearing to be the size of a four-month-old infant. The report further stated the twins showed substantial delays in meeting developmental milestones. The report noted the children were not eating table food yet and could not sit up without support. The report stated additional concerns for neglect due to the condition of the family's home.

On March 18, 2014, the assigned worker from the county agency accompanied the twins and their mother to a pediatric appointment. The 12-month-old twins weighed approximately 12 and 13 pounds. The pediatrician told the mother to return with the twins in two weeks and if they had not gained "sufficient weight," they would be hospitalized. The agency sought a second medical opinion regarding the twins' condition. Medical professionals who assessed the twins further determined they were extremely malnourished and needed immediate hospitalization. The twins were diagnosed Failure to Thrive and monitored for Re-feeding Syndrome, a potentially fatal result of reinstating nutrition to starved or severely malnourished individuals. Further evaluation by medical personnel found no metabolic, genetic, or physical explanation for the twins' inadequate size and growth other than malnutrition due to inadequate feeding.

As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the mother and father were found guilty of two counts Neglecting a child.

**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. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of neglect to both children by the parents. Medical professionals diagnosed the twins with Failure to Thrive due to extreme malnutrition from inadequate feeding. The twins' condition was critical and required immediate hospitalization. The agency determined the twins unsafe, took them into temporary physical custody and placed them in out-of-home care upon discharge from the hospital. The twins' four-year-old sister was deemed safe in the parents' care. Petitions were filed in juvenile court alleging the twins and the older sister were Children in Need of Protection or Services. The case remained open to provide the family with ongoing case management services.

Yes    No   Criminal investigation pending or completed?

Yes    No   Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? Mother and 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):

At the time of the incident, the twins resided with their mother and father, their four-year-old sister, and a paternal relative.

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.)

N/A

**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 April 30, 2014, the agency screened out a CPS Report.

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

The agency collaborated with law enforcement and medical personnel to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of neglect to both twins by the parents. Medical professionals diagnosed the twins with Failure to Thrive due to extreme malnutrition from inadequate feeding. The twins' condition was critical and required immediate hospitalization. The twins were determined unsafe and taken into temporary physical custody. The agency placed the twins in out-of-home care upon discharge from the hospital. The twins' four-year-old sister was deemed safe in the care of the parents while the family is receiving intensive in-home services. Petitions were filed in juvenile court alleging the twins and their older sister were Children in Need of Protection or Services. On April 30, 2014, the agency received another CPS Report, which was screened out. The case remains open and the agency is providing the family with ongoing case management services.

**B. Children residing in out-of-home care (OHC) placement at time of incident:**

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

**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 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 checked="" 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):   |

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**FOR DSP COMPLETION IF RECORD OR ON-SITE REVIEW WAS UNDERTAKEN:**

**Summary of policy or practice changes to address issues identified based on the record or on-site review of the incident:**

N/A

**Recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes needed to address identified issues based on the record or on-site review:**

N/A

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