

Public Notification of a Child Death, Serious Injury or Egregious Incident

Case Tracking Number: 110521DSP-Dane-111

Date of Public Notification: 5/27/11

The Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) has received notification that a child death, serious injury or egregious incident has occurred and maltreatment is suspected, or that a child placed in out-of-home care has died and suicide is suspected.

Date of Incident: 5/21/11

Incident Description:

The child was taken to the hospital by his caregiver and her husband. Initially, the caregiver described herself as the child's mother. The caregiver first explained that the child pulled a pot of boiling water onto himself. Subsequently, the couple reported that she was giving the child a bath, and the bath water was too hot. The child was transferred to UW Children's Hospital where he was admitted to the burn unit with bilateral burning from the top part of his legs to the tops of his feet. He has second and third degree burns over the lower half of his body, left arm, left side of his face and a small area on his chest. The consulting physician indicated that the child's burns are not consistent with the caregivers' explanations and appear to be immersion burns. The child will be hospitalized for an extended period of time.

Child Information: Age: 3 years Gender: Female Male
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Child's Residence: In-home Out-of-home care placement by agency

Scope of DSP Review of Incident

- eWiSACWIS records review only
- Abbreviated review to gather more information about the case
- Full records and on-site review by DSP
- Other (describe):

Agencies cooperating with the DSP in the review at this time:

Dane County Department of Human Services

Additional Information (optional):