

# 6-Month Final 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:** 150123-DSP-Milw-507      **Agency:** Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

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

Age: 5 Months      Gender:  Female    Male

Race or Ethnicity: African-American

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** 01/23/2015

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

On January 23, 2015 at 2:32 PM, the agency received a report regarding a 5-month-old baby who was pronounced dead in her home. The baby's father was arrested, charged, and was convicted of two felony counts of 1st degree intentional homicide. Two other adults in the family home at the time of the incident suffered non-lethal stab wounds.

**Findings by agency, including maltreatment determination and material circumstances leading to incident:**

The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the child by the father. The father intentionally stabbed the baby, causing her death. As there were no other children in the home, the case was closed following completion of the Initial Assessment.

- Yes    No   Criminal investigation pending or completed?
- Yes    No   Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The baby's 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):

Prior to the incident, the baby lived with her mother and maternal great-uncle.

**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:**

On January 23, 2015 at 12:30 AM, a referral alleging neglect to the baby by her mother was screened in. The assigned worker attempted to contact the family at 1:00 PM, but was unsuccessful due to the family's address being inaccurately reported for this referral. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found insufficient evidences to substantiate the neglect of the baby by the mother.

**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.)

N/A

**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 Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the child by the father. The father intentionally stabbed the baby, causing her death. As there were no other children in the home, the case was closed following completion of the Initial Assessment.

**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 type="checkbox"/> Protective plan implemented  | <input type="checkbox"/> Referral to services  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial assessment conducted                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation assistance   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety plan implemented  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with law enforcement                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary physical custody of child  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with medical professionals                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services) | <input type="checkbox"/> Supervised visitation   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement into foster home   | <input type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement with relatives   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case closed by agency  |
| <input 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:**

Under the Child Welfare Disclosure Act (Section 48.981(7)(cr), Stats.), the Department of Children and Families' (DCF) Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) completes in an initial review the agency's practice for each case reported under the Act. A further review has been completed by the Bureau of Performance Management (BPM) for case # 150123-DSP-Milw-507. As a result of the review, there were no findings of non-compliance with Child Protective Services Access and Initial Assessment Standards, Safety Intervention Standards, relevant sections of Chapter 48 of the Wisconsin Statutes, and local agency procedures. The Access process for the report received on January 23, 2015 was conducted in accordance with CPS Access and Initial Assessment Standards.

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

Based on the agency's effort and response to this incident and DSP review, no further state-level policy, practice, or statutory changes are recommended.

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Yes    No    Not Applicable   This 6-Month Final summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) action on this case.

This 6 month final summary report was previously delayed. DSP did determine that releasing the summary report would jeopardize an ongoing criminal investigation, and delayed posting as provided under Wis. Stat. § 48.981(7)(cr)7.