

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: 200710DSP-CRAW-1009 **Agency:** Crawford County Human Services Department

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 3-year-old Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: White/Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 7/10/2020

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

On July 10, 2020, the agency received a report regarding a 3-year-old child pronounced deceased in his home. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the death to be non-accidental in nature. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the mother's boyfriend was criminally charged with First Degree Reckless Homicide. 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 collaborated with law enforcement and medical professionals to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the child by the mother's boyfriend and neglect to the child by the mother and her boyfriend. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the death to be non-accidental in nature. The child's siblings were deemed unsafe and taken into Temporary Physical Custody. The child's 11-year-old half-sister and 5-year-old half-sister were placed with their fathers and the child's 1-year-old half-brother was placed in a non-relative foster home and subsequently placed with relatives. Petitions for Protection or Services were filed, and the case remains open to provide ongoing case management services.

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):

At the time of the incident, the child resided with his mother, his mother's boyfriend, his 11-year-old half-sister, his 5-year-old half-sister and his 1-year-old half-brother. The child's biological father had regular contact.

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:

At the time of the incident, the agency was assessing the May 28, 2020 CPS Report. The last contact by the agency was a home visit with the children and the mother on July 8, 2020.

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.)

On May 28, 2020, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child and the child's now 11-year-old half-sister and 5-year-old half-sister by the mother's boyfriend and neglect to the child's 1-year old half-brother by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. The case was opened for voluntary services.

On May 23, 2018 the agency screened-in a Services Report. The family was referred to community services.

On April 25, 2016, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The family was referred to public health services.

On August 25, 2015, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The family was referred to community services.

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.)

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On July 15, 2019, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

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On August 25, 2015, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The family was referred to community services.

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 professionals to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the child by the mother's boyfriend and neglect to the child by the mother and her boyfriend. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the death to be non-accidental in nature. The child's siblings were deemed unsafe and taken into Temporary Physical Custody. The child's 11-year-old half-sister and 5-year-old half-sister were placed with their fathers and the child's 1-year-old half-brother was placed with relatives. Petitions for Protection or Services were filed, and the case remains open to provide 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 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 |

- Temporary physical custody of child
- Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services)
- Placement into foster home
- Placement with relatives
- Ongoing Services case management

- Collaboration with medical professionals
- Supervised visitation
- Case remains open for services
- Case closed by agency
- Initiated efforts to address or enhance community collaboration on CA/N cases
- Other (describe):

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 an initial review of the agency's practice for each case reported under the Act. A further practice review has been completed for case #200710DSP-CRAW-1009. As a result of this review process, the DSP did not determine policy or practice changes were needed.

Recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes needed to address identified issues based on the record or on-site review:
 None.

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