

90-Day Summary Report for Child Death, Serious Injury or Egregious Incident

Case Tracking Number: 100817DSP-PN-43 Agency: Douglas County Dept. of Health and Human Services

Child Information: Age: 1 year Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian
Special needs: None

Child's Residence: In-home Out-of-home care placement

Date of Incident: 8/17/10

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

On August 18, 2010, police responded to the family's residence after receiving a call from a relative regarding three bodies inside the home. Upon arrival, officers found the child, her parents and the family's dogs deceased. Each victim died from one gunshot wound to the head. It is believed that the father shot the child, his wife and the dogs before committing suicide. The relative informed officers that the couple was experiencing marital difficulties. It appears that the incident was not planned at length.

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

Physical abuse to the child by her father was substantiated. A full assessment was not conducted due to the deaths of all of the family members.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

The child lived with her parents.

Yes No **Statement of Services:** Were services under ch. 48 or ch. 938 being provided to the child, 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:

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 at the age of 18 years or older:

None

Summary of any investigation conducted under ch. 48 or ch. 938 and any services provided to the family since the date of the incident:

The agency substantiated maltreatment to the child by her father, but no further action was needed or taken.

Additional information for children 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 actions taken by agency in response to the incident:**

The agency screened in the report of the child's death and collaborated with law enforcement to complete the assessment. A full assessment could not be conducted because there are no surviving family members in this household.

***Summary of policy or practice changes to address identified issues:**

The agency identified the need for the following procedure: If the agency becomes aware of child or abuse or neglect through the media rather than a direct report to the agency, the Intake worker will contact law enforcement to follow up on the incident, gathering additional information to determine if a child protective services report should be filed.

***Recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes needed to address identified issues:**

None

Statement of Completion:

Yes No This 90-day summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) review of this case.

* If a full report including agency actions, changes in policies or practices and recommendations for further changes was not completed within 90 days, the DSP will complete and submit the final summary report within 6 months.