DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Division of Safety and Permanence

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

Case Tracking Number: 110206DSP-Sauk-77
Date of Public Notification: 2/14/11
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: 2/6/11
Incident Description:
On February 7, 2011, the agency received a report regarding the child's death. The explanation offered by the parent is that an older sibling pulled this child to the floor and then fell on top of her. The child was taken by the parents to a local hospital, then immediately transported to University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison where she died. Preliminary autopsy results indicate that some, not all, of the injuries are similar to shaken baby syndrome. Reportedly, it is highly likely that the child's death is due to inflicted injury, although accidental injury has not been completely ruled out at this time. Child Information: Age: 1 year
Child's Residence: In-home Out-of-home care placement by agency
Scope of DSP Review of Incident
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:

Sauk County Department of Human Services

Additional Information (optional):

Prior to this incident, the family was unknown to the child welfare system.