

90-Day 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: 251022DSP-Linc-1449

Agency: Lincoln County Department of Social Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 5 years

Gender: ☒ Female ☐ Male

Race or Ethnicity: White

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 10/22/2025

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

On March 26, 2026, the agency received a report of a 5-year-old child found unresponsive in their home. The child was taken to the hospital and subsequently pronounced deceased on October 22, 2025. While the incident took place several months prior to this report, new information resulted in a report being received by the agency. Medical professionals determined the death was due to drowning. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the mother was criminally charged on March 23, 2026, with 1st Degree Reckless Homicide and Neglecting a Child (Consequence is Death). 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 neglect of the child by the mother and the mother's significant other. The agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment, and no service referrals were made.

☒ Yes ☐ No Criminal investigation pending or completed?

☒ Yes ☐ No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The child's mother

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 her mother and her mother's significant other. The child's father is deceased.

☐ 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:

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: (Does not include the current incident.)

On October 31, 2025, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The family received community services.

On February 7, 2023, another agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now deceased half-sibling by the mother and the child's half-sibling's father. An assessment was completed by the agency, and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

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.)

On October 31, 2025, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The family received 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 neglect of the child by the mother and the mother's significant other. The agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment, and no service referrals were made.

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 a child.

N/A

Summary of any actions taken by agency in response to the incident: (Check all that apply.)

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| ☒ Screening of Access report | ☐ Attempted or successful reunification |
| ☐ Protective plan implemented | ☐ Referral to services |
| ☒ Initial assessment conducted | ☐ Transportation assistance |
| ☐ Safety plan implemented | ☐ Collaboration with law enforcement |
| ☐ Temporary physical custody of child | ☐ Collaboration with medical professionals |
| ☐ Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services) | ☐ Supervised visitation |
| ☐ Placement into foster home | ☐ Case remains open for services |
| ☐ Placement with relatives | ☒ Case closed by agency |
| ☐ Ongoing Services case management | ☐ 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:

N/A

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

N/A

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable This 90-day summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) action on this case.

If the case review was not completed within 90 days, the DSP will complete and submit the final summary report within 6 months.