

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: 120529DSP-Dodge-235 **Agency:** Dodge County Health and Human Services Department

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 7 years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Age: 8 years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 5/21/12

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

On 5/29/12, the agency received a report regarding physical abuse and neglect to the children. The children disclosed multiple incidents of abuse by their father, including being thrown on the bed, choked, spit on, spanked with a hand or a belt on their bare bottoms, given lengthy time-outs or made to do squatting exercises, called demeaning names, punched or slapped in the face, and kicked in the groin. The 8-year-old also disclosed an incident where his father put a shock collar around his neck and then pressed the button to shock the child. When the 8-year-old asked the father to take the collar off, the father made it tighter. The 7-year-old disclosed an incident where the father stomped on the child's head with his boot. The children have also witnessed domestic violence in the home. The children witnessed an incident when the father held a knife to the mother's throat and choked her. The mother left the home after this incident. Law enforcement investigated the abuse and neglect allegations; however, no charges have been filed in this case.

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

The agency screened in and collaborated with law enforcement to assess the allegations of physical abuse and neglect to the children. Physical abuse and neglect by the father was substantiated. The agency determined the father exposed his children to various negative behaviors including drug use, domestic violence, and physical abuse. The children were found to be profoundly fearful of their father due to these behaviors. The children were in the care of their mother at the time of the report. It was determined the children were unsafe in the care of their father and remain in the care of their mother. The mother and the children moved to another county and that county filed a Child in Need of Protection or Services petition.

- Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?
 Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom?

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):

The children lived with the father and 18-year-old half-sister. The mother was living in the home; however, left after the recent domestic violence incident. The mother also has a 12-year-old daughter who lives with her grandparents.

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.)

The agency worked with the family from January 2010 until November 2011. The agency substantiated physical abuse to the child by the mother and the children were determined safe in the care of the father. The agency filed a Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition with juvenile court in March 2010. The family participated in services and the agency provided case management to the family until 11/8/11.

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 9/25/03, a report alleging inappropriate behavior by the father of the mother's 9-year-old and 3-year-old (now 18-year-old and 12-year-old) daughters was screened out.

On 10/17/03, a report alleging inappropriate behavior by the father of the mother's 9-year-old (now 18-year-old) daughter was screened out.

On 11/12/03, a report alleging neglect by the mother and her then boyfriend (father to the 7-year-old and 8-year-old boys) to the mother's 10-year-old (now 18-year-old) daughter was screened out.

On 2/13/04, a report alleging sexual contact between the mother's 10-year-old (now 18-year-old) daughter with a male cousin approximately four years prior was screened out.

On 12/10/04, a report alleging neglect by the mother and father to their 11-month-old (now 8-year-old) son was screened in. Neglect was unsubstantiated and the agency closed the case.

On 12/15/04, a report alleging sexual abuse to the mother's 11-year-old (now 18-year-old) daughter by her father and a male cousin was screened out.

On 12/15/04, another report alleging sexual abuse to the mother's 11-year-old (now 18-year-old) daughter by a male cousin was screened in. Sexual abuse was unsubstantiated and the agency closed the case.

On 6/3/05, a report alleging inappropriate discipline to the mother's 5-year-old (now 12-year-old) daughter by her stepfather (father to the 7-year-old and 8-year-old boys) was screened out.

On 1/3/08, a report alleging physical abuse to the mother's 14-year-old (now 18-year-old) daughter by her father was screened out.

On 2/1/08, a Services Report regarding visitation issues between the mother and the 14-year-old's (now 18-year-old) father was screened out.

On 2/13/08, a report alleging sexual abuse to the mother's 14-year-old (now 18-year-old) daughter by her father's friend was screened in. Sexual abuse was unsubstantiated and the agency closed the case.

On 5/8/08, a report alleging sexual abuse to the mother's 8-year-old (now 12-year-old) daughter by her father was screened in. Sexual abuse was unsubstantiated and the agency closed the case.

On 5/15/08, a report alleging neglect to the 4-year-old (now 8-year-old) by the mother was screened out.

On 8/4/08, a report alleging neglect to the 4-year-old (now 8-year-old) and 3-year-old (now 7-year-old) by the mother, as well as, sexual abuse to the 14-year-old (now 18-year-old) by her stepfather was screened in. Neglect and sexual abuse were unsubstantiated and the agency closed the case.

On 8/6/08, a report alleging neglect to the 4-year-old (now 8-year-old) and 3-year-old (now 7-year-old) by the mother was screened in. Neglect was unsubstantiated and the agency closed the case.

On 8/30/09, a report alleging sexual abuse to the 15-year-old (now 18-year-old) by her stepfather was screened in. Sexual abuse was unsubstantiated. The agency referred the family to community services and closed the case.

On 9/5/09, a report alleging neglect to the 15-year-old (now 18-year-old) by the mother was screened out.

On 9/8/09, a Services Report regarding the 15-year-old (now 18-year-old) requesting services for the family was screened out.

On 9/23/09, a Services Report regarding the grandparents seeking assistance obtaining guardianship of the mother's 9-year-old (now 12-year-old) daughter was screened out.

On 9/23/09, a report alleging sexual abuse to the 15-year-old (now 18-year-old) by her stepfather, as well as neglect to the 4-year-old (now 7-year-old) and 5-year-old (now 8-year-old) by the mother was screened out.

On 1/26/10, a report alleging physical abuse to the 4-year-old (now 7-year-old) and 6-year-old (now 8-year-old) by the mother was screened in. Physical abuse was substantiated and the agency opened the case for ongoing services.

On 4/20/11, a report alleging physical abuse to the 7-year-old (now 8-year-old) by the father was screened out.

On 6/21/11, a report alleging sexual contact between the 5-year-old (now 7-year-old) and a cousin was screened in. Sexual abuse was unsubstantiated and the case was already open for ongoing services.

Summary of any investigation involving the child, any member of the child's family and alleged maltreater conducted under ch. 48 or ch. 938 and any services provided to the child and child's family since the date of the incident:

The agency screened in and assessed the allegations of physical abuse and neglect to the children. Physical abuse and neglect by the father was substantiated. The children were determined unsafe in the care of the father and have moved to another county to live with the mother. The county where the mother currently resides filed a Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition with juvenile court and the case remains open for court ordered ongoing case management services.

B. Children residing 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety plan implemented | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with law enforcement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary physical custody of child | <input type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with medical professionals |
| <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement with relatives | <input type="checkbox"/> Case closed by agency |
| <input checked="" 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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Summary of policy or practice changes to address issues identified during the review of the incident:

Under the Child Welfare Disclosure Act (Section 48.981(7)(cr), Stats.), the DSP completes a 90-day review of the agency's practice in each case reported under the Act. In accordance with the DCF memo Series 2010-13, dated December 7, 2010 pertaining to the Child Welfare Case Review Protocol, the DSP completed an onsite review in #120529DSP-Dodge-235 and prior reports involving the family. The report found: Child Protective Services (CPS) Reports from 2010 contained insufficient information in the areas of maltreatment and surrounding circumstances, children's injuries or conditions and domestic violence, and the supervisor did not identify possible impending danger. CPS reports from 2011 were screened out in error and reports from 2011 and 2012 were not screened within 24 hours as required by Statute.

The Initial Assessments completed in 2010 and 2012, there was insufficient information in the areas of child functioning, adult functioning, and parenting practices. Collateral sources were not utilized for information gathering, there was a lack of information to support the identification of three impending danger threats, and there was no documented visit to the home during the course of the Initial Assessment as required by Statute and Standards.

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

None

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