

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: 120618DSP-June-213 **Agency:** Juneau County Department of Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 3 months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 6/18/12

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

On 6/18/12, the agency received a report of a deceased infant. The infant was found unresponsive while sleeping in bed with his parents and was taken to the hospital. Hospital staff attempted to resuscitate the infant; however, they were unsuccessful. Hospital staff expressed concern regarding the parents' behavior while at the hospital. Based on the behavior and statements by the parents, it was suspected that the parents may be under the influence of drugs. Law enforcement was contacted to investigate the infant's death. The criminal investigation is pending with the District Attorney's Office for possible criminal charges.

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

On 6/18/12, the agency screened in and assessed the allegation of neglect to the infant, as well as allegations of neglect to an 8-year-old half-sister and a 15-year-old half-brother. The agency coordinated with law enforcement and medical professionals to complete the assessment. Neglect was substantiated for the infant and the 8-year-old half-sister and was unsubstantiated for the 15-year-old half-brother. The father admitted that he and the mother were under the influence of prescription drugs on the evening of the infant's death. The condition of the home was found to be deplorable and unsuitable for children. The 15-year-old lived primarily with his mother and continued to stay in her home during the assessment period. The 8-year-old was determined unsafe in the home. She was taken into custody and placed in the home of a relative. The agency filed a Child in Need of Protection or Services petition in Juvenile Court.

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 infant lived with his mother, father and 8-year-old half-sister. The 15-year-old half-brother primarily lived with his mother in another home, but did live in the father's home part-time.

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:

On 7/22/11, the 15-year-old was placed in the father's home from Colorado through the Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ). The 15-year-old's mother moved to Wisconsin and reestablished primary placement of her son. The juvenile justice case was closed by the agency on 8/7/12.

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.)

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. (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 4/7/08, the agency received an allegation of physical abuse to the 4-year-old (now 8-year-old) by her father. The agency completed an assessment and unsubstantiated physical abuse.

On 3/11/10, the agency received a child welfare report regarding the mother and her 6-year-old daughter (now 8-year-old) living in a trailer with missing and broken windows. The agency provided the mother with information on community services to assist her with housing.

On 4/8/10, the agency received a child welfare report regarding the mother and her 6-year-old daughter (now 8-year-old) living in filthy conditions. The agency attempted to make contact with the mother; however, the family was no longer living at the home.

On 5/17/12, the agency received a child welfare report regarding the family living in a home with no running water. The agency provided the family with information on community 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 allegations of neglect to the infant, 8-year-old and the 15-year-old. Neglect was substantiated for the infant and the 8-year-old and was unsubstantiated for 15-year-old. The 15-year-old is living in the home of his mother. The 8-year-old was determined unsafe and was placed in the home of a relative. The agency has filed a Child in Need of Protection or Services petition in Juvenile Court. The family remains open with the agency for ongoing 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referral to services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial assessment conducted | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety plan implemented | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with law enforcement |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temporary physical custody of child | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with medical professionals |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supervised visitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement into foster home | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services |
| <input checked="" 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 on-site review in

case #120618DSP-June-213 and prior reports involving the family. The report found: CPS reports dated June 17, 2012 was not screened within 24 hours as required by statute and standards. The CPS reports received on August 14, 2012 were appropriately screened in accordance to Standards.

The Initial Assessments completed in conjunction with the June and August 2012 CPS reports contained insufficient information in the areas of maltreatment, child functioning, adult functioning, disciplinary approaches, family functioning, and parenting practices. Collateral sources were not utilized for information gathering, the safety assessment was not supported by information within the Initial Assessment, and there was no control for safety as outlined in the standards pertaining to unsupervised contact with the mother.

The Quality Improvement plan implemented by the county agency included training for all workers completing the access function for the agency, all afterhours workers are required to complete the necessary training pertaining to Access and Initial Assessment before placement on the work schedule, and CPS Supervisor will discuss safety assessment during regular intervals with employees who complete protective or safety plans within their scope of work.

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.

The agency must submit an electronic copy of the completed 90-Day Summary Report to RobertB.Williams@wisconsin.gov