

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: 120813DSP-Dane-232 **Agency:** Dane County Department of Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 6 years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian/African American

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 8/13/12

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

On 8/13/12, the agency received a report regarding a 6-year-old child stabbed by her mother. Law enforcement and emergency medical personnel were called to the home and transported the child and the mother to the hospital. The child had multiple stab wounds to her neck, chest, back and abdomen which required surgery. The mother was also treated for self-inflicted stab wounds. The mother made a statement to law enforcement that she tried to kill herself and her daughter. The mother was criminally charged with one count of Attempted 1st Degree Intentional Homicide but found not guilty by reason of mental defect.

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

The agency screened in and collaborated with law enforcement and medical personnel to assess the allegation of physical abuse to the child. The agency substantiated physical abuse to the child by her mother. The mother admitted to stabbing her daughter and herself in an attempt to kill them. The child was determined unsafe and placed in the care of a relative upon discharge from the hospital.

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

The child lived with her mother.

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 mother and her child from October 2007 through March 2011. The child was placed with a relative from February 2008 until May 2010. The mother participated in services and the child was reunified with her in May 2010. The agency continued to provide case management through the end of March 2011.

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 10/21/07, the agency screened in a report regarding an allegation of physical abuse to the child, who was one year old at the time. Physical abuse by the mother was substantiated. The agency placed the child with a relative and provided ongoing case management services until March 2011.

On 2/3/09, the agency screened in a report regarding an allegation of physical abuse in the home of the relative. Physical abuse was unsubstantiated. The agency continued to provide ongoing case management services to the family.

On 6/29/09, the agency screened out an allegation of sexual abuse to the child.

On 7/6/09, the agency screened out an allegation of sexual abuse to the child.

On 7/9/09, the agency screened out a Services Report.

On 11/19/09, the agency screened out an allegation of sexual abuse to the child.

On 6/13/10, the agency screened out an allegation of neglect to the child.

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 allegation of physical abuse to the child. Physical abuse by the mother was substantiated. The child was taken into custody and initially placed at the hospital before moving to the home of a relative after discharge. The agency filed a Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition with juvenile court. The mother is incarcerated and court ordered to have no contact with the child. The child maintains regular contact with her father and his home is being assessed for possible placement in the future. The case remains open for on-going case management services with the agency.

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 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. The DSP did not identify practice issues during the review of the incident.

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