

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: 130426DSP-Dane-320 **Agency:** Dane County Department of Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 3 weeks Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: African American/White

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: April 26, 2013

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

On April 26, 2013, an infant was found face down, wedged between his mother and a chair, not breathing. The mother stated she fell asleep with the infant while feeding him. Another adult entered the home and found the infant non-responsive. The mother stated she was taking prescription pain medication at the time of the infant's death. The infant died from asphyxiation. The agency learned of this incident via the local news, contacted law enforcement, and filed a report on 4/29/2013 alleging neglect to the child by the child's mother. A criminal investigation is pending.

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

The agency collaborated with law enforcement and the medical examiner's office to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the county agency found insufficient evidence to substantiate neglect to the child by the child's mother. The other child living in the home was assessed as safe and the case was closed.

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 resided in the home with his mother and father. The siblings to the infant live primarily with a relative but have frequent visitation with their father.

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:

None

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 7/8/11 the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On 8/3/11 the agency screened out a Child Welfare Report

On 11/6/12 a CPS Report was screened out
On 4/22/13 the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

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 neglect to the child by the child's mother. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found insufficient evidence to substantiate neglect to the child by the child's mother. The family was provided with information regarding grief and loss services. The child's siblings were determined to be safe in the care of their mother and the case was closed.

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:

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 that constitutes a substantial failure to protect and promote the welfare of the child.

N/A

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 type="checkbox"/> Temporary physical custody of child | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with medical professionals |
| <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement with relatives | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case closed by agency |
| <input 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 a records review in case # 130426DSP-Dane-320. The review found: all CPS reports pertaining to this incident received by Dane County Department of Human Services were screened within the appropriate timeframes and were in compliance with the Wisconsin Access Standards. The CPS reports dated November 6, 2012, and April 22, 2013, were screened-out appropriately in compliance with the Wisconsin Access Standards. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency was completed within the required statutory timeframes. The Initial Assessment contained all required collateral sources of information, there was sufficient information in all areas of the Initial Assessment pertaining to Impending Danger Threats, and the interviews with the mother were sufficient.

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

