

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: 140120DSP-Colum-415 **Agency:** Columbia County Department of Health & Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 5 Years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: January 20, 2014

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

On January 23, 2014, the agency received a report regarding sexual exploitation of a five-year-old child. The report indicated that the child's foster father made a videotape of the child's sexualized behaviors. Law enforcement was contacted to initiate an investigation into the allegations. A videotape recording was obtained, which showed the foster father engaging in sexually exploitive behaviors towards the child. As a result of law enforcement's criminal investigation, the foster father was charged with one count of felony Sexual Exploitation of a Child. 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 agencies found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate the maltreatment of sexual exploitation to the child by the foster father. The child was determined unsafe and removed from the foster home and placed in a relative's home. Due to this incident, the agency took immediate action and the foster parents are no longer fit and qualified for licensure.

Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?

Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The licensed foster father.

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):

N/A.

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.)

N/A

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.)

N/A

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:

N/A.

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:

At the time of the incident, the five-year-old child was residing in a licensed foster home. The child was originally placed in out-of-home care by the agency in November 2013, after she was taken into temporary physical custody due to physical abuse by her father.

Description of all other persons residing in the OHC placement home:

At the time of the incident, the child resided with her foster mother and foster father.

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.

The foster mother and foster father were licensed as a Level 2 Foster Home with the agency since February 10, 2012. There is no history of licensing violations by the foster parents constituting 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 checked="" 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 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 Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) completes a 90-Day summary of the agency's practice in each case reported under the Act. DSP has determined that no further review is needed. The foster parents' foster care license is revoked due to the substantiation of the allegations of child sexual abuse. This report completes DSP action related to this incident.

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

None.

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