

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: 140310DSP-Jack-424 **Agency:** Jackson Department of Health and Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 5 Months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: March 10, 2014

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

On March 12, 2014, the agency received a report regarding a five-month-old child with several bruises to her upper and lower extremities. The agency and law enforcement conducted a joint investigation into the child's suspicious injuries. The mother and the mother's boyfriend reported the child received her bruises from rolling and hitting her head on the side of the crib. There were no other explanations provided by the mother or the mother's boyfriend for the child's extensive bruising.

Upon viewing the child, the agency and law enforcement determined the mother's and the mother's boyfriend's explanation did not coincide with the child's bruising. The agency concluded the child needed medical attention due to the extent of bruising to her forehead. Medical professionals who examined the child suspected head trauma and leg fractures due to the child's presenting symptoms, so the child was transported to another hospital.

During the course of the assessment, there was conflicting information as to how the injuries could have happened and who was providing care for the child when the injuries occurred. The mother and the mother's boyfriend stated a neighbor had also watched the child during the timeframe that medical professionals determined the child's injuries occurred. The mother's boyfriend stated his eighteen-month-old child fell on the five-month-old child and this caused a large bruise to the five-month-old child's forehead. The mother's boyfriend reported it also could have occurred while the child lays on her stomach as she tries to push herself up, this causes her to fall and hit her head on her toys or the floor. The mother later reported that her boyfriend told her the child fell out of her crib.

Medical professionals concluded the child's injuries were non-accidental and consistent with child abuse. No criminal charges have been filed in this case.

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

The agency collaborated with law enforcement and medical personnel to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate physical abuse to the child by an unknown maltreater and child neglect by the mother and mother's boyfriend. The mother and the mother's boyfriend did not seek medical attention for the child until after agency and law enforcement involvement. Medical professionals concluded the child's injuries were non-accidental and consistent with child abuse. The child was deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed in out-of-home care. A Child in Need of Protection or Services petition was filed and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

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):

At the time of the incident, the child resided with her mother and her mother's boyfriend. Paternity has not been established for the child. The mother's boyfriend has an eighteen-month-old child who visits the home.

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.)

On October 4, 2013, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The child was deemed unsafe and placed in out-of-home care voluntarily. The agency opened the case to provide voluntary parenting and housing assistance to the family. The agency closed the case on January 23, 2014, after the child was reunified with the mother.

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 October 4, 2013, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to a newborn infant (now five-month-old child) by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The child was deemed unsafe and placed in out-of-home care voluntarily. The agency opened the case to provide voluntary parenting and housing assistance to the mother. The agency closed the case on January 23, 2014, after the infant was reunified with the mother.

On December 10, 2013, the agency screened-out a CPS Report. A referral was made to the agency's parenting assistance program.

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

The agency collaborated with law enforcement and medical personnel to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate physical abuse to the child by an unknown maltreater and child neglect by the mother and mother's boyfriend. The mother and the mother's boyfriend did not seek medical attention for the child until after agency and law enforcement involvement. Medical professionals concluded the child's injuries were non-accidental and consistent with child abuse. The child was deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed in out-of-home care. A Child in Need of Protection or Services petition was filed and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

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:

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 or other actions that constitute 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supervised visitation |
| <input checked="" 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): |

FOR DSP COMPLETION IF RECORD OR ON-SITE REVIEW WAS UNDERTAKEN:

Summary of policy or practice changes to address issues identified based on the record or on-site review of the incident:

Under 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 Department has determined no further review is needed. This completes the DSP actions related to this incident.

Recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes needed to address identified issues based on the record or on-site review:

None.

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