

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: 140613DSP-GrnLk-449 **Agency:** Green Lake County Health and Human Services Department

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 7 Months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: White/Hispanic

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: June 13, 2014

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

On June 14, 2014, the agency received a report regarding a seven-month-old child brought to the hospital with head injuries. Medical professionals who examined the child suspected head trauma due to the child's presenting symptoms, so the child was transported to another hospital. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation regarding the child's suspicious injuries.

Medical professionals determined the child sustained head injuries and diagnosed the child with Abusive Head Trauma. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the father was arrested and criminally charged with 1st Degree Reckless Injury, Child Abuse-Recklessly Cause Great Harm, and Bail Jumping. 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 personnel to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the child by the father. Medical professionals determined the child sustained head injuries and diagnosed the child with Abusive Head Trauma. The child was deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed in out-of-home care. 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? The child's 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):

At the time of the incident, the child resided with his mother, his father, and his paternal grandfather. The father has a five-year-old child from a previous relationship who had visitation. In addition, two of the child's siblings, ages two and four years old, resided in out-of-home-care with their paternal grandparents.

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:

At the time of the incident, the child was under a Child in Need of Protection or Services order. The last direct contact by the agency to the mother and the child was on June 10, 2014.

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 June 29, 2013, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to a 10-month-old child by the mother's

boyfriend (father of 10-month-old child). An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse to the child by the mother's boyfriend was substantiated, the allegation of physical abuse (for the healing rib fractures) to the child by an unknown maltreater was substantiated, and the allegation of neglect to the child by the child's mother was substantiated. The child and his two siblings were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed in out-of-home care. A Child in Need of Protection or Services was filed on July 23, 2013, and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management.

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 20, 2010, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The agency provided the family with community resources.

On September 14, 2011, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On January 28, 2013, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On April 30, 2013, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

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On August 7, 2013, the agency screened-in a Services Report report requesting courtesy supervision from another agency.

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 maltreatment of physical abuse to the child by the father. Medical professionals determined the child sustained head injuries and diagnosed the child with Abusive Head Trauma. The child was deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed in out-of-home care. 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 checked="" 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 the Child Welfare Disclosure Act (Section 48.981(7)(cr), Stats.), the Department of Children and Families' (DCF) Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) completes an initial review of the agency's practice for each case reported under the Act. A further practice review has been completed for case 140613DSP-GrnLk-449. As a result of the agency's internal review process, the agency engaged in and completed action steps focusing on continued support of the agency's efforts to improve the consistency and quality of safety practice.

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

None at this time.

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