

## 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:** 150815DSP-LaCr-555      **Agency:** La Crosse County Human Services Department

**Child Information** (at time of incident)

Age: 1 Year, 2 Months      Gender:  Female    Male

Race or Ethnicity: White, African American

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** 08/15/2015

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

On August 15, 2015, the agency received a report regarding a 14-month-old child found deceased in her home. Law Enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation into the child's unexplained death. The Medical Examiner's Office reported no preliminary signs of maltreatment and the final report and results are pending. No criminal charges have been filed in this case, but the investigation remains open.

**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 insufficient evidence to substantiate neglect of the child by the mother. The Medical Examiner's Office's preliminary report noted no signs of maltreatment and the final report and results are pending. The agency determined the child's siblings safe and they remained with their mother and her significant other. The agency closed the case at the conclusion of the initial assessment and no service referrals were made.

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 lived with her mother, mother's significant other, and 3- and 8-year-old sisters.

**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 case was open for ongoing case management services and was in the process of being closed. The date of last contact occurred during a home visit on July 20, 2015, and involved the child, her mother and two siblings.

**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 May 25, 2015, the agency screened in a CPS report alleging neglect to the child's 3-year-old sister. An assessment was completed by the agency and it was determined services were needed for the family. The case remained open to provide voluntary services and ongoing case management.

On January 23, 2015, the agency screened in a CPS report alleging neglect to the child's now 3-year-old sister. An assessment was completed by the agency and it was determined services were not needed by the family and the case was closed.

On May 10, 2013, the agency screened-in a Services Report. An assessment was completed by the agency and the family was determined to be in need of services. A Child in Need of Protection and Services was filed 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.)

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On October 13, 2014, the agency screened out a CPS report.

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**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 insufficient evidence to substantiate neglect of the child by the mother. The Medical Examiner's Office's preliminary report noted no signs of maltreatment and the final report and results are pending. The agency determined the child's siblings safe and they remained with their mother and her significant other. The agency closed the case at the conclusion of the initial assessment and no service referrals were made.

**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 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 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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**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 in an initial review the agency's practice for each case reported under the Act. A further practice review has been completed for case #150815DSP-LaCr-555. As a result of this review process, DSP determined the agency implemented steps to improve the consistency and quality of safety assessment and decision-making

practices.

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

Based on the agency's effort and response to this incident and DSP review, no further statewide policy, practice, or statutory changes are recommended.

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