

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: 150925-DSP-Milw-564 **Agency:** Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 20 Months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: White/Hispanic

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 09/25/2015

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

On September 25, 2015, the agency received a report regarding a 20-month-old infant who was pronounced dead in her home. Law Enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation into the infant's unexplained death. Medical Examiner's Office report is pending.

As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the mother was arrested, charged, and convicted of Neglecting a Child (Consequence is Death).

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 neglect to the infant by the child's mother. The infant's remaining siblings were deemed unsafe in their mother's care, however, these children were assessed to be safe in their father's care and remained in the family home. A Child in Need of Protection or Services petition was filed and the case remains 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 mother.

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 father as well as an 8-year-old brother, 7-year-old brother, 6-year-old sister, 4-year-old sister, and 2-year-old brother.

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 June 15, 2015, the agency screened in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the 8-year-old brother, 7-year-old brother, 4-year-old sister, 2-year-old brother and 1-year-old child who is now deceased by the mother was screened in and assessed. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. The children were deemed safe and the case was closed.

On February 12, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now 2-year-old brother and 1-year-old sister by the children's mother and her significant other. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The children were deemed safe and the case was closed.

On July 20, 2011, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the child's now 6-year-old sister by an unknown maltreater. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated. The child was deemed safe and the case was closed.

On April 30, 2011, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

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 June 15, 2015, the agency screened in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the 8-year-old brother, 7-year-old brother, 4-year-old sister, 2-year-old brother and 1-year-old child, who is now deceased, by the mother was screened in and assessed. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. The children were deemed safe and the case was closed.

On February 12, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now 2-year-old brother and 1-year-old sister by the children's mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. The children were deemed safe and the case was closed.

On July 20, 2011, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the child's now 6-year-old sister by an unknown maltreater. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated. The child was deemed safe and the case was closed.

On April 30, 2011, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On September 16, 2010, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the child's now 8-year-old brother, 7-year-old brother, and 6-year-old sister, by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of physical abuse were unsubstantiated. The children were deemed safe and the case was closed.

On September 8, 2010, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging lack of supervision to the child's now 8-year-old brother, 7-year-old brother, and 6-year-old sister, and neglect to the child's now 4-year-old sister by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of lack of supervision and neglect were unsubstantiated. The children were deemed safe and the case was closed.

On March 24, 2010, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now 15-year-old sister, 13-year-old brother, 8-year-old brother, 7-year-old brother, and 6-year-old sister by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. The children were deemed safe, the family was referred to community services and the case was closed.

On November 2, 2009, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On September 3, 2009, the agency screened in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now 8-year-old brother, 7-year-old brother, and 6-year-old sister by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. While the children were deemed safe, the case remained open for case management services.

On August 27, 2009, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On August 6, 2009, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging lack of supervision to the child's now 8-year-old brother, 7-year-old brother, and 6-year-old sister by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. While the children were deemed safe. the case remained open for case management services.

On July 22, 2009, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now 8-year-old brother, 7-year-old brother, and 6-year-old sister by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. While the children were deemed safe, the case remained open for case management services.

On July 20, 2009, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now 6-year-old sister by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. The child was deemed unsafe and the case remained open for on-going case management services.

On February 19, 2009, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The agency provided the family with a referral to voluntary, on-going services with the agency.

On November 25, 2005, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On March 4, 2005, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now 15-year-old sister and now 13 year-old brother by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated, however, allegations of threatened neglect were found likely to occur. The children were deemed unsafe and the case was open for on-going case management services.

On July 30, 2002, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On December 20, 2001, the agency screened in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now 15-year-old sister by the mother and her significant other. An assessment was not able to be completed by the agency because they were not able to locate the family and the case was closed.

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 neglect to the infant by the child's mother. The infant's remaining siblings were deemed unsafe in their mother's care, however, these children were assessed to be safe in their father's care and remained in the family home. A Child in Need of Protection or Services petition was filed and the case remains 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 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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): |

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 review has been completed by the Bureau of Performance Management (BPM) for case # 150925DSP-Milw-564. In order to ensure compliance with standards, DMCPs implemented an internal plan focused on ensuring timeliness of initial face-to-face contact, and information gathering from collateral contacts.

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 state-level policy, practice, or statutory changes are recommended.

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