

## 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:** 150101DSP-Dane-504      **Agency:** Dane County Human Services Department

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

Age: 1 Year 4 Months      Gender:  Female    Male

Race or Ethnicity: White, African American/Black

Special Needs: Premature Birth with possible related developmental delays

**Date of Incident:** January 1, 2015

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

On January 1, 2015, the agency received a report regarding a 1 year, 4 month old infant who was hospitalized for failure to thrive. Medical professionals who examined the infant suspected head trauma due to her presenting symptoms. Medical personnel diagnosed the infant with non-accidental head trauma. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation regarding the child's suspicious injuries. 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 maltreatment of physical abuse to the infant by an unknown maltreater. Medical professionals determined the infant sustained non-accidental head trauma. The infant and her sibling were deemed unsafe and taken into Temporary Physical Custody. Upon discharge from the hospital, the infant and her sibling were 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 infant resided with her mother, her mother's roommate, and her 3 year old brother. Paternity has not been established for the infant.

**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 agency was investigating allegations of physical abuse and neglect to the infant and assessing the safety of the infant and her 3 year old brother. The last contact by the agency with the mother and two children was on December 29, 2015 which ultimately resulted in the infant's hospitalization on that same day.

**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 December 16, 2013, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The agency provided the family with referrals to community services.

On March 20, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant (then, 8 months old) and her brother (then, 2 years old) by the mother and an allegation of physical abuse to the infant by an unknown matreater. An assessment was completed by the agency, the allegations of neglect to the children and physical abuse to the infant were unsubstantiated, and the children were deemed to be safe.

On May 19, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect by the mother to the infant (then, 9 months old) and her brother (then, 2 years old). An assessment was completed by the agency, the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated, and the children were deemed to be safe.

On July 31, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect by the mother to the infant (then, 1 year old). An assessment was completed by the agency, the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated; and the infant was deemed to be safe.

On November 25, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse and neglect by the mother to the infant (then, 1 year old). An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated and the allegation of neglect was substantiated. A Child in Need of Protection or Services was filed on January 5, 2015 and the case remains 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 April 16, 2010, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On October 24, 2012, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On December 15, 2013, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

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On December 18, 2013, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On January 6, 2014, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

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On June 9, 2014, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On July 18, 2014, the agency screened-out a Services Report

On July 31, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect by the mother to the infant (then, 1 year). An assessment was completed by the agency, the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated, and the infant was deemed to be safe.

On August 15, 2014, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

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On December 30, 2014, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

**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 infant by an unknown maltreater. Medical professionals determined the infant sustained non-accidental head trauma. The infant and her sibling were deemed unsafe and taken into Temporary Physical Custody. Upon discharge from the hospital, the infant and her sibling were 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation assistance  |
| <input 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):   |

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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) completed an initial review of the agency's practice for each case reported under the Act. A further practice review has been completed for case 150101DSP-Dane-504. 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 practice.

**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.

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

