

# 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:** 160818DSP-Jeff-701      **Agency:** Jefferson County Human Services Department

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

Age: 16 Years      Gender:  Female    Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American

Special Needs: child was visually impaired and was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy

**Date of Incident:** 08/18/2016

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

On March 21, 2017 the agency received new information regarding the death of a 16-year-old child that occurred on August 18, 2016. The death was first reported on August 19, 2016; however, no maltreatment was suspected at the time. The second report received on March 21, 2017, detailed the circumstances surrounding the death and indicated possible maltreatment. The official cause of the child's death was determined by the Medical Examiner's Office to be due to an unsafe sleep environment. Law enforcement completed a criminal investigation regarding the youth's death in August 2016. No criminal charges were filed and the case was closed. Law enforcement was contacted regarding the new information learned in March 2017 and declined to initiate a criminal investigation.

**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 youth by the staff at the out-of-home care facility. The Medical Examiner's Office report noted no signs of maltreatment. The agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment. The facility has no other children in its care.

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):  
N/A

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.)  
N/A

**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.)  
N/A

**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:**

N/A

**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:**

At the time of the incident, the 16-year-old child was residing in a level 5 licensed treatment foster home. The child was originally placed in out-of-home care March 10, 2010, after her parents petitioned the court to assist in her care and to provide her with necessary special treatment.

**Description of all other persons residing in the OHC placement home:**

At the time of the incident, the child resided in a treatment foster care home that is licensed for 2 children. At the time of the incident, no other children were residing in the home.

**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.

The foster mother and foster father were licensed as a Level 5 treatment foster home. There is no history of licensing violations by the foster parents constituting a substantial failure to protect and promote the welfare of the child. Due to the fact that she was the last child in the home, the foster home license has ended.

**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 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 checked="" 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 an initial review of the agency's practice for each case reported under the Act. A further practice review has been completed for case 160818DSP-Jeff-701. As a result of this review process, the DSP did not identify indicators of child welfare agency response that require further attention.

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

None

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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.