

6-Month Final Summary Report for Child Death, Serious Injury or Egregious Incident

Reports submitted to the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) that does 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:	160907DSP-PORT-645		Agency: Portage County Health and Human Services Department
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Child Information (at time of incident)

Age:	4 Months	Gender:	Female Male
Race or Ethnicity:	White		
Special Needs:	None		

Date of Incident:	09/07/2016	
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Description of the incident, including the suspected cause of death, injury or egregious abuse or neglect:

On September 7, 2016, the agency received a report that a 4 month old infant was brought to the hospital due to seizures. 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 personnel diagnosed the infant with Physical Abuse-Abusive Head Trauma. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the mother's boyfriend was arrested and criminally charged with First Degree Reckless Injury, Child Abuse-High Probability/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 infant by the mother's boyfriend. Medical professionals determined the infant sustained head injuries and diagnosed the child with Abusive Head Trauma. The infant was deemed unsafe and taken into Temporary Physical Custody. Upon discharge from the hospital, the infant was placed in out-of-home care with a relative provider. 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? The infant's mother's boyfriend.

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 his mother and his mother's boyfriend. The infant's biological father did not have regular visitation.

<p>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?</p>
<p>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:</p> <p>At the time of the incident, the agency was completing an initial assessment in response to a screened-in CPS Report dated July 21, 2016 alleging sexual abuse of the infant by the infant's mother's boyfriend. The last contact by the agency to the mother and infant was in person on July 26, 2016.</p>
<p>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.)</p> <p>On July 21, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging sexual abuse to the infant by the infant's mother's boyfriend. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of sexual abuse was unsubstantiated.</p>
<p>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.)</p> <p>(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.)</p> <p>On July 21, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging sexual abuse to the infant by the infant's mother's boyfriend. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of sexual abuse was unsubstantiated.</p> <p>On June 8th, 2016, screened-out a CPS Report.</p>
<p>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:</p> <p>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 the mother's boyfriend. Medical professionals determined the infant sustained head injuries and diagnosed the child with Abusive Head Trauma. The infant was deemed unsafe and taken into Temporary Physical Custody. Upon discharge from the hospital, the infant was placed in out-of-home care with a relative provider. A Child in Need of Protection or Services petition was filed and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.</p>
<p>B. Children residing in out-of-home care (OHC) placement at time of incident:</p>
<p>Description of the OHC placement and basis for decision to place child there:</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>Description of all other persons residing in the OHC placement home:</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>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.</p> <p>N/A</p>

Summary of any actions taken by agency in response to the incident: (Check all that apply.)			
<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	Initial assessment conducted	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation assistance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Safety plan implemented	<input type="checkbox"/>	Collaboration with law enforcement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Temporary physical custody of child	<input 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"/>		<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:			
<p>Under the Child Welfare Disclosure Act (Section 48.981 (7)(cr), Stats.), the DSP completes a 90-Day review of the agency's practice in each case reported under the act. A further practice review has been completed for case 160907DSP-PORT-645. 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.</p>			
Recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes needed to address identified issues based on the record or on-site review:			
<p>Based on the agency's efforts and response to this incident and DSP review, no further statewide policy, practice, or statutory changes are recommended.</p>			
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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.
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