

# 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:** 161004DSP-ROCK-652      **Agency:** Rock County Human Services Department

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

Age: 5 Months      Gender:  Female    Male

Race or Ethnicity: White

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** 10/04/2016

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

On October 4, 2016 the agency received a report regarding a 5-month-old infant brought to the hospital unresponsive. Medical personnel were unable to revive the infant and she was pronounced dead. The Medical Examiner's Office reported no signs of maltreatment or trauma to the infant. The official cause of the infant's death was undetermined by the Medical Examiner's Office. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation regarding the infant's unexplained death. 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 infant by the infant's parents. The Medical Examiner's Office completed report noted no signs of maltreatment or trauma to the infant. The agency determined the infant's 10-year-old sibling to be safe and the child remained with the mother. The agency closed the case upon completion 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 infant resided with her mother and father.

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 April 29, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS report alleging physical abuse of the now deceased infant. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of physical abuse to the infant were unsubstantiated. The family was referred to voluntary services in the community. The case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

On February 24, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS report alleging neglect of the now 10-year-old sibling of the infant and alleging unborn child abuse to the now deceased infant. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect to the now 10-year-old child were unsubstantiated and the unborn child abuse allegation was determined to be "Services Not Needed." The case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

On June 4, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS report alleging neglect of the infant's now 10-year-old sibling. An assessment

was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect to the sibling were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

On August 7, 2012, the agency screened-in a CPS report alleging neglect of the infant's now 10-year-old sibling. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect to the sibling were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

On May 18, 2012, the agency screened-in a CPS report alleging neglect of the infant's now 10-year-old sibling. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect to the sibling were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

**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 June 4, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS report alleging neglect of the infant's now 10-year-old sibling. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect to the sibling were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

On November 8, 2012 the agency screened out a report.

On August 7, 2012, the agency screened-in a CPS report alleging threatened neglect of the infant's now 10-year-old sibling. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect to the sibling were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

On May 18, 2012, the agency screened-in a CPS report alleging neglect of the infant's now 10-year-old sibling. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect to the sibling were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

On May 19, 2009, the agency screened-in a CPS report alleging neglect of the infant's now 10-year-old sibling. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. The agency referred the mother to voluntary services in the community. The case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

On June 10, 2008 the agency screened-in a CPS report alleging neglect to the now 10-year old sibling. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect to the sibling were unsubstantiated. The agency referred the mother to voluntary services in the community. The case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

On November 10, 2007 the agency screened-in a CPS report alleging physical abuse to the now 10-year-old sibling. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of physical abuse to the sibling were unsubstantiated. The agency referred the mother to voluntary services in the community. The case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

On November 7, 2012 the agency screened-out a report.

On August 6, 2012 the agency screened-out a report.

On June 16, 2008 the agency screened-out a 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 insufficient evidence to substantiate neglect of the infant by the infant's parents. The Medical Examiner's Office completed report noted no signs of maltreatment or trauma to the infant. The agency determined the infant's 10-year-old sibling to be safe and the child remained with the mother. The agency closed the case upon completion 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 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 in an initial review the agency's practice for each case reported under the Act. A further practice review has been completed for case #161004DSP-Rock-652. As a result of this review process, the DSP determined the agency had implemented efforts to improve the consistency and quality of safety practices, including continued and updated training of CPS staff on the development of protective plans when children are unsafe.

**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 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.