

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: 170126DSP-MILW-678 **Agency:** Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 2 Years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American

Special Needs: none

Date of Incident: 01/26/2017

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

On January 26, 2017, the agency received a report regarding a 2-year-old child pronounced dead in his home. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation regarding the child's unexplained death. The Medical Examiner's Office report determined that the child died as a result of ingesting prescription medication. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the infant's mother was arrested and criminally charged with 2nd Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety. A criminal charge is merely an allegation and a defendant is presumed innocent until 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 evidence to substantiate allegations of neglect to the 2-year-old child and his 4-year-old sibling by their mother. The Medical Examiner's Office determined that the 2-year-old child died as a result of ingesting prescription medication. The child's 4-year-old sibling was deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed in out-of-home care. The case remained open for 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 his mother and 4-year-old brother. Paternity had been established for the child, however the father was incarcerated at the time of the child's death.

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 case was open to the agency for assessment. The last contact by the agency was a telephone call with the child's mother on October 16, 2016.

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 October 14, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child and his now 4-year-old brother by the mother. This Initial Assessment was open at the time of the incident and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated.

On January 27, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child and his now 4-year-old brother by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated.

On February 3, 2012, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now adult brother by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was substantiated.

On January 8, 2012, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now adult brother by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated.

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 October 14, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child and his now 4-year-old brother by the mother. This Initial Assessment was open at the time of the incident and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated.

On January 27, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child and his now 4-year-old brother by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated.

On May 27, 2014, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On February 28, 2014, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On February 17, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now adult brother while in out-of-home-care. An initial assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated.

On February 3, 2012, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now adult brother by the mother. An initial assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was substantiated. The case was opened to ongoing case management services.

On January 23, 2012, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On January 8, 2012, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now adult brother by the mother. An initial assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated.

On November 17, 2011, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse the child's now adult brother by the mother. An initial assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated.

On December 22, 2005, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On November 30, 2005, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On July 1, 2005, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the child's now adult siblings by the mother. An initial assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect were substantiated. The children were deemed unsafe, taken into protective custody and placed in out of home care, and the case was opened to ongoing case management services.

On May 31, 2005, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On March 10, 2005, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the child's now adult siblings by the mother. An initial assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of physical abuse were substantiated. The case was opened for ongoing case management services.

On January 12, 2005, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On November 22, 2004, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the child's now adult siblings by the mother. An initial assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The case was opened for ongoing case management services.

On February 13, 2004, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On December 15, 2003, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On November 17, 2003, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the child's now adult siblings by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated.

On February 28, 2002, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now adult siblings by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was substantiated.

On January 28, 2002, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now adult siblings by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated.

On August 27, 2001, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On August 26, 2001, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On July 20, 2001, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now adult siblings by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated.

This family has additional history prior to 2000 that is unavailable in the electronic database.

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 evidence to substantiate allegations of neglect to the 2-year-old child and his 4-year-old sibling by their mother. The Medical Examiner's Office determined that the 2-year-old child died as a result of ingesting prescription medication. The child's 4-year-old sibling was deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed in out-of-home care. The case remained open for 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 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 checked="" 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 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): |

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 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 # 170126DSP-MILW-678. As a result of this review process, the DSP identified no recommendations for policy or practice changes.

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

DSP identified no recommendations for policy or practice changes.

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