

# 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:** 170204DSP-Wood-682      **Agency:** Wood County Department of Human Services

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

Age: 1 year      Gender:  Female  Male

Race or Ethnicity: White, Caucasian

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** 02/04/2017

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

On February 4, 2017, the agency received a report regarding a 1-year-old infant brought to the hospital with head injuries. Medical professionals who examined the child suspected head trauma due to the child's presenting symptoms, and the child was transported to another hospital. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation regarding the child's suspicious injuries. Medical professionals diagnosed the infant with Physical Abuse-Abusive Head Trauma. The child passed away from related injuries on February 6, 2017. 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 a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse and emotional damage to the infant by the father. Medical professionals determined the infant sustained head injuries and diagnosed the child with Physical Abuse-Abusive Head Trauma. At the time of the incident, three of the father's children were under an out-of-home Child in Need of Protection or Services Order. The infant was not subject to the order. These three children will remain in out-of-home care and ongoing case management services will continue. The infant's additional siblings, residing in the home at the time of the incident, were deemed safe and remained in the home in the care of their mother.

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 child resided with his grandmother, mother, his 3-year-old sister, and his 5-year-old brother. The infant's paternal newborn sibling, 1-year-old brother and 2-year-old brother resided in out-of-home care. The infant's father has regular visitation.

**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, three of the father's children were under an out-of-home Child in Need of Protection or Services Order. The infant was not subject to the order. The last contact by the agency to the father was in person on January 31, 2017.

**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.)

The following history is related to the infant's father, who was not residing in the home at the time of the incident: On January 6, 2017, the infant's father and his significant other gave birth to a newborn. The newborn was placed in out-of-home care after discharge from the hospital. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition was filed on January 31, 2017, and the newborn was added to the already open case.

On August 18, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 1-year-old and 2-year-old brothers by the father and his significant other (their mother). An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was substantiated. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition was filed on September 21, 2016, and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

On July 18, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant and his now 1-year-old and 2-year-old brothers by the father and his significant other (their mother). An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

On June 3, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse and neglect to the infant by the infant's father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse and neglect by the father was unsubstantiated. The family was referred to Early Head Start and the case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

The following history is related to the infant's mother, who was residing in the home at the time of the incident:

On October 13, 2016, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The infant's mother was referred to legal services.

**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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**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:**

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**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 checked="" 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"/> 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 170204DSP-Wood-682. As a result of this review process, the DSP determined the agency has implemented efforts to improve the consistency and quality of safety practices, including increased internal support for safety decision-making and collaboration with other service providers.

**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.