

## 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:** 170814-DSP-WOOD-747      **Agency:** Wood County Human Services Department

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

Age: 0      Gender:  Female  Male

Race or Ethnicity: African-American/Black

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** 08/14/2017

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

On August 14, 2017, the agency received a report regarding an infant and mother, who both died after the infant's birth. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. The Medical Examiner's Office results are pending. No criminal charges have been filed in this case, and the investigation remains open.

**Findings by agency, including maltreatment determination and material circumstances leading to incident:**

The agency collaborated with law enforcement and medical professionals to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found insufficient evidence to substantiate neglect to the infant by the mother. The Medical Examiner's Office results are pending. The agency determined the deceased infant's 2-year-old and 4-year-old siblings safe with their respective remaining caregivers. The agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

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 report, the mother had custody of the infant. No one else resided in the mother's home. The infant's 2-year-old sibling was residing with a non-relative and the 4-year-old sibling was residing with her maternal grandmother.

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 27, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging unborn child abuse of the infant. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of unborn child abuse was determined services not needed. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On February 28, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect resulting in death of the infant's now deceased 4-month-old sister by the 4-month-old sister's father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect of the 4-month-old sister by her father was substantiated. The agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On February 26, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the infant's now deceased 4-month-old sister, now 2-year-old brother and now 4-year-old sister by the mother, and unborn child abuse regarding the mother's fetus

(now deceased infant). The children were deemed unsafe and Protective Plans were implemented for the children to reside temporarily with relatives and friends while the agency continued to plan for and assess the safety of the children. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated, and the allegation of unborn child abuse was determined services not needed. The children were determined to be safe, the Protective Plans were terminated, and the children returned to their mother. The agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On January 25, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the infant's now 4-year-old sister and 2-year-old brother by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On February 18, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the infant's now 4-year-old sister by her maternal grandmother, and physical abuse by an unknown maltreater. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect and physical abuse 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 December 26, 2016, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On January 25, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the infant's now 4-year-old sister and 2-year-old brother by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On August 21, 2015, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On February 18, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the infant's now 4-year-old sister by her maternal grandmother, and physical abuse by an unknown maltreater. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect and physical abuse were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

**Summary of any investigation involving the child, any member of the child's family and alleged maltreater conducted under ch. 48 or ch. 938 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 professionals to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found insufficient evidence to substantiate neglect to the infant and his 2-year-old and 4-year-old sibling by the mother. The Medical Examiner's Office results are pending. The agency determined the deceased

infant's 2-year-old and 4-year-old siblings safe with their respective remaining caregivers. The agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

**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 that constitutes 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 an initial review of the agency's practice for each case reported under the Act. A further practice review has been completed for case 170814-DSP-WOOD-747. 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 continued and updated training of CPS supervisors.

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

None

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