

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: 171014-DSP-Jack-771 **Agency:** Jackson County Department of Health and Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 1 day Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian/White

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 10/14/2017

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

On October 15, 2017, the agency received a report regarding an infant born on October 14, 2017 and who died a short time later. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. The Medical Examiner's Office ruled the cause of death to be respiratory failure due to prematurity. Toxicology testing did not occur. No criminal charges were filed and the case was closed.

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 mother. The infant's 2-year-old and 3-year-old siblings were residing with a relative foster care provider at the time of the incident. The infant's 8-year-old and 12-year-old siblings were residing with their fathers at the time of the incident. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition was filed on behalf of the siblings on August 4, 2017, and granted on October 24, 2017. 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?

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 mother had custody of the infant. Paternity had not been established for the infant. The infant's 2-year-old and 3-year-old siblings were residing with a relative foster care provider at the time of the incident. The infant's 8-year-old and 12-year-old siblings were residing with their fathers at the time of the incident.

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:

The last contact by the agency to the mother was via text message on October 12, 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 infant's 2-year-old, 3-year-old, 8-year-old, and 12-year-old siblings were in taken into Temporary Physical Custody on July 31, 2017. The 2 and 3-year-old siblings were placed with in foster care with a relative, and the 8-year-old and 12-year-old siblings were placed with their father. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition was filed on August 4, 2017 and granted on October 24, 2017. The case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

On July 31, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the unborn infant by her mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated.

On July 24, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 2-year-old, 3-year-old, 8-year-old and 12-year-old siblings by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect were substantiated.

On October 28, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 2-year-old sister by her mother and father. 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 July 27, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 3-year-old, 8-year-old and 12-year-old siblings by the mother and the mother's significant other. 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 April 23, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 3-year-old, 8-year-old and 12-year-old siblings by his mother and the mother's significant other. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect 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 July 18, 2017, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On September 21, 2016, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

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On May 6, 2013, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On November 12, 2012, the agency screened-out a CPS 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 mother. The infant's 2-year-old and 3-year-old siblings were residing with a relative foster care provider at the time of the incident. The infant's 8-year-old and 12-year-old siblings were residing with their fathers at the time of the incident. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition was filed on behalf of the siblings on August 4, 2017, and granted on October 24, 2017. The case remained open to provide 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 checked="" 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 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 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 171014-DSP-Jack-771. 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 internal procedures to ensure all household members are assessed throughout the case process.

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 Final summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) action on this case.