

Report 6-Month Final Summary 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: 171123-DSP-MILW-787 **Agency:** Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 5 years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American

Special Needs: None

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 3 years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American

Special Needs: None

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 2 years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American

Special Needs: None

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 1 year Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American

Special Needs: None

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 1 month Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 11/23/2017

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

On November 27, 2017, the agency received a report regarding an alleged incident of physical abuse and neglect that occurred on November 23, 2017. The report alleged physical abuse to a 5-year-old child, 3-year-old child, 2-year-old child and 1-year-old infant by their mother and neglect to the 1-year-old infant and 1-month-old infant by their mother. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. Medical personnel diagnosed the 5-year-old child, 2-year-old child, and 1-year-old infant with injuries that were non-accidental in nature. Medical personnel diagnosed the 1-year-old infant and 1-month-old infant with failure to thrive and medical neglect. 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 personnel to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate physical abuse to the 5-year-old child, the 2-year-old child, and the 1-year-old infant by their mother. The agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate neglect to the 1-year-old infant and 1-month-old infant by their mother. The agency found insufficient evidence to substantiate physical abuse to the 3-year-old child and 1-month-old infant by their mother. At the time of the incident, the 2-year-old child was in her mother's care under a trial reunification. The other children resided in their home with their mother. All five children were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody and placed in a foster home. Children in Need of Protection or Services Petitions were filed and 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, all five children lived with their mother. Paternity had not been established for the 5-year-old, 3-year-old, 1-year-old, or 1-month-old. Paternity had been established for the 2-year-old and that child had visitation with her 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:

At the time of the incident, the 2-year-old child was in her mother's care under a trial reunification and the agency was offering services under a Child in Need of Protection or Services Order. The last contact by the agency prior to the incident was November 21, 2017 with the mother.

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 August 15, 2017 the 2-year-old child was returned home to the mother under a trail reunification.

On February 14, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now 1-year-old infant. An Initial Assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. The case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

On December 19, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now 1-year-old infant. An Initial Assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

On May 27, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now 2-year-old child. An Initial Assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect by the mother was substantiated. The 2-year-old child was taken into Temporary Physical Custody, a Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition was filed and the child was placed in a foster home.

On July 21, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report. The agency was unable to complete the Initial Assessment because the family could not be located.

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 November 9, 2017, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

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On February 14, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now 1-year-old infant. An Initial Assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. The case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

On December 19, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now 1-year-old infant. An Initial Assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The case remained open to

provide ongoing case management services.

On May 31, 2016, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On May 27, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now 2-year-old child. An Initial Assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect by the mother was substantiated. The 2-year-old child was taken into Temporary Physical Custody, a Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition was filed and the child was placed in a foster home.

On July 21, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report. The agency was unable to complete the Initial Assessment because the family could not be located.

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 the evidence to substantiate physical abuse to the 5-year-old child, the 2-year-old child, and 1-year-old infant by their mother. The agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate neglect to the 1-year-old child and 1-month-old infant by their mother. The agency found insufficient evidence to substantiate physical abuse to the 3-year-old child and 1-month-old infant by their mother. At the time of the incident, the 2-year-old child was in her mother’s care under a trial reunification. The other children resided in their home with their mother. All five children were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody and placed in a foster home. Children in Need of Protection or Services Petitions were filed and 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 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 checked="" 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 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 171123-DSP-MILW-787. 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 surrounding safety assessment and planning throughout the life of a CPS case.

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) action on this case.