

## 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:** 171203-DSP-BROWN-785      **Agency:** Brown County Human Services Department

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

Age: 4 Months      Gender:  Female  Male

Race or Ethnicity: African American/Black

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** December 3, 2017

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

On December 3, 2017, the agency received a report regarding a 4-month-old infant who was pronounced deceased in his home. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. Medical personnel noted no signs of trauma to the infant and found that the infant likely died of untreated pneumonia. The Medical Examiner's report is 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 personnel to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of neglect to the infant by the infant's parents. The agency determined the infant's siblings to be unsafe and initiated a Protective Plan that included the children temporarily residing outside the home. The Protective Plan was later transitioned to an in-home safety plan and the children remained in the home with their parents. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition is pending for the infant's 1-year-old sister and 2-year-old sister. 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 infant resided with his 1-year-old sister, 2-year-old sister, 8-year-old brother, 12-year-old brother, his mother and his 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 agency was assessing the November 1, 2017 CPS Report. The last contact by the agency was a visit with the mother and children in the office on November 2, 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.)

On November 1, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect and physical abuse of the infant's now 2-year-old sister by both parents. The infant died during the assessment period and an additional report was made to the agency regarding the infant's death on December 3, 2017. An assessment was completed by the agency and the initial allegations of neglect and physical abuse to the infant's sibling were unsubstantiated.

On June 6, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report of neglect to the infant's now 2-year-old sister by the sister's step-father (the infant's father) for an alternative response. An assessment was completed by the agency and the agency determined that services were not needed. The case was closed upon the completion of the Initial Assessment.

On March 31, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report of neglect to the infant's now 1-year-old sister by the parents for an alternative response. An assessment was completed by the agency and the agency determined that services were not needed. The case was closed upon the 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 January 31, 2017, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On May 24, 2011, the agency screened-in a CPS Report of physical abuse to the infant's now 12-year-old brother by his uncle. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon the 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 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 maltreatment of neglect to the infant by the infant's parents. The agency determined the infant's siblings to be unsafe and initiated a Protective Plan that included the children temporarily residing outside the home. The Protective Plan was later transitioned to an in-home safety plan and the children remained in the home with their parents. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition is pending for the infant's 1-year-old sister and 2-year-old sister. 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 type="checkbox"/> Screening of Access report              | <input type="checkbox"/> Attempted or successful reunification    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protective plan implemented  | <input type="checkbox"/> Referral to services                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial assessment conducted | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation assistance                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety plan implemented      | <input type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with law enforcement       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary physical custody of child     | <input type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with medical professionals |

- Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services)
- Placement into foster home
- Placement with relatives
- Ongoing Services case management

- Supervised visitation
- Case remains open for services
- Case closed by agency
- Initiated efforts to address or enhance community collaboration on CA/N cases
- 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 171203-DSP-BROWN-785. As a result of this review process, the DSP determined the agency had implemented efforts to improve the consistency and quality of safety practices.

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