

# 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:** 180402-DSP-Wauk-822      **Agency:** Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services

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

Age: 2 Months      Gender:  Female  Male

Race or Ethnicity: White/Caucasian

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** 04/02/2018

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

On April 2, 2018 the agency received a report regarding a 2-month-old infant brought to the hospital with injuries. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. Medical personnel determined the injuries were non-accidental in nature. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the mother was arrested and criminally charged with two counts of Child Abuse-High Probability/Great Harm. A criminal charge is merely an allegation and a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

**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 to the infant by the mother. Medical professionals determined the infant sustained injuries consistent with non-accidental trauma. The infant and his 4-year-old maternal half sibling were deemed unsafe and taken into Temporary Physical Custody. The infant was placed in a licensed foster home. The 4-year-old maternal half sibling was placed with her grandmother who already had placement of the infant's 1-year-old brother. The mother and father were court ordered to have no contact with the infant and the infant's siblings unless approved by the agency. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition was 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? The infant's mother

**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 mother, father, paternal uncle and his 4-year-old maternal half sibling. The infant's 1-year-old brother resided with his grandmother on a Child in Need of Protection or Services Dispositional Order.

**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 infant's 1-year-old brother was open under a Child in Need of Protection or Services Dispositional Order, due to the CPS Report received by the agency on January 27, 2017. The last contact by the agency with the mother and father was at a permanency plan hearing for the 1-year-old brother on April 2, 2018.

**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 January 27, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 1-year-old brother and his now 4-year-old maternal half-sister by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of

neglect was unsubstantiated. The agency deemed the now 1-year-old to be unsafe and took Temporary Physical Custody, placing the sibling with his grandmother. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Dispositional Order was granted and the case remained open for ongoing case management 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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On January 9, 2017, 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 a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the infant by the mother. Medical professionals determined the infant sustained injuries consistent with non-accidental trauma. The infant and his 4-year-old maternal half sibling were deemed unsafe and taken into Temporary Physical Custody. The infant was placed in a licensed foster home. The 4-year-old maternal half sibling was placed with her grandmother who already had placement of the infant's 1-year-old brother. The mother and father were court ordered to have no contact with the infant and the infant's siblings unless approved by the agency. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition was 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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supervised visitation  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Placement into foster home   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services                                     |
| <input checked="" 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):   |

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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 180402-DSP-Wauk-822. As a result of this review process, the DSP determined the agency will continue to implement safety-focused practices and supports.

**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.