

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: 181015-DSP-Outag-869 **Agency:** Outagamie Department of Health and Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 3 Months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: American Indian/Alaskan Native

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: October 15, 2018

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

On October 15, 2018, the agency received a report regarding a 3-month-old infant who had stopped breathing at his home. Medical professionals determined the infant had sustained multiple injuries that were non-accidental in nature. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. 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 neglect of the 3-month-old infant and the infant's 1-year-old and 2-year-old siblings by the mother and the mother's significant other. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the 3-month-old infant and the infant's 1-year-old and 2-year-old siblings by an unknown maltreater. The infant and his siblings were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody and placed in a foster home. Children in Need of Protection and 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, the infant resided with his mother, his mother's significant other, his 2-year-old half-sister, and his 1-year-old sister. Also residing in the home at the time of the incident, was the infant's maternal grandmother, step-grandfather, maternal aunt, maternal uncle, maternal uncle's significant other and three family friends. Paternity had not been established for the infant at time of 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:

At the time of the incident, the three children were under an in-home Child in Need of Protection or Services Order related to the August 23, 2018 CPS Report. The last contact by the agency was with the three children on October 11, 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.)

The following history is related to the infant's mother:

On August 23, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infant's 2-year-old half-sister by their mother's significant other. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was substantiated. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition was filed and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

On November 21, 2017, another agency screened in a CPS Report for Alternative Response alleging neglect to the infant's now 1-year-old sister by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency with the determination of services not needed. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

The following history is related to the infant's mother's significant other:

On August 23, 2018, the agency screened in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infant's 2-year-old half-sister by their mother's significant other. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was substantiated. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition was filed and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

The following history is related to the infant's grandmother, who was residing in the home at the time of the incident:

On January 3, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 2 year-old half-sister by the grandmother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The case was closed up 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.)

The following history is related to the infant's mother:

On August 23, 2018, the agency screened in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infant's 2-year-old half-sister by their mother's significant other. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was substantiated. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition was filed and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

On July 10, 2018, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On April 18, 2018, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On July 25, 2017, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

The following history is related to the infant's mother's significant other:

On August 23, 2018, the agency screened in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infant's 2-year-old half-sister by their mother's significant other. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was substantiated. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition was filed and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

The following history is related to the infant's grandmother, who was residing in the home at the time of the incident:

On September 26, 2017, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On September 21, 2017, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On August 29, 2017, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On August 23, 2017, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On February 27, 2017, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On January 3, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 2-year-old half-sister by the grandmother. 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 October 13, 2016, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On September 14, 2016, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On March 4, 2016, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On December 8, 2015, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On December 8, 2011, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging sexual abuse to two of the infant's grandmother's now adult children by the infant's grandmother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of sexual abuse was unsubstantiated. A Child in Need of Protection and Services Petition was filed and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

On November 8, 2010, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infant's grandmother's now adult child by the infant's grandmother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated. An allegation of neglect by the infant's grandmother was substantiated. A Child in Need of Protection and Services Petition was filed and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

On October 1, 2010, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On February 20, 2009, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On December 17, 2008, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infant's grandmother's now adult child by the infant's grandmother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On August 28, 2008, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On August 26, 2008, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's grandmother's now adult child by the infant's grandmother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was 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 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 neglect of the 3-month-old infant and the infant's 1-year-old and 2-year-old siblings by the mother and the mother's significant other. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the 3-month-old infant and the infant's 1-year-old and 2-year-old siblings by an unknown maltreater. The infant and his siblings were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody and placed in a foster home. Children in Need of Protection and 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referral to services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial assessment conducted | <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 181015-DSP-OUTAG-869. As a result of this review process, the DSP did not determine policy or practice changes were needed.

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