

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: 181205DSP-MILW-883 **Agency:** Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 15 years Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: African American/Black
Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 12/05/2018

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

On December 5, 2018, the agency received a report regarding maltreatment of a 15-year-old child. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. Medical personnel determined the child sustained injuries that were non-accidental in nature. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the child's father and stepmother were arrested and each criminally charged with the following: Physical Abuse of a Child, Repeated Acts Causing Bodily Harm, as a Party to a Crime; Causing Mental Harm to a Child, as a Party to a Crime; Chronic Neglect of a Child (Consequence is Bodily Harm), as a Party to a Crime; Chronic Neglect of a Child (Consequence is Emotional Damage), as a Party to a Crime; Chronic Neglect of a Child (Consequence is Bodily Harm); False Imprisonment, as a Party to a Crime. 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 neglect, physical abuse and emotional abuse to the child by the father and stepmother. Medical personnel determined the child's injuries were consistent with physical abuse and neglect. The child, her half-siblings and stepsiblings were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed in out-of-home care. The child, the child's 14-year-old stepsibling, and 12-year-old stepsibling were placed with separate relative caregivers. The child's 6-year-old half-sibling, 3-year-old half-sibling, 2-year-old half-sibling and 1-year-old half-sibling were placed in non-relative foster homes. The child's 15-year-old non-relative household member, who was informally residing in the home, returned to her caregiver. The child's 11-month-old non-relative household member, who was placed in the home under a Petition for Protection or Services filed on March 20, 2018, was moved to a non-relative foster home. The child's biological father and stepmother were criminally charged, and court ordered to have no contact with the child or any other children who were residing in the home. Petitions for Protection or Services were filed for all children residing in the home 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 child's father and stepmother

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 child resided with her father, stepmother, 1-year-old half-sister, 2-year-old half-brother, 3-year-old half-sister, 6-year-old half-sister, 12-year-old stepsister and 14-year-old stepbrother. A 15-year-old non-relative to the child resided in the home intermittently. An 11-month-old non-relative to the child was placed in the home through a Petition for Protective for Services filed on March 20, 2018.

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 child's 11-month-old non-relative household member was placed in the home under a Petition for Protection or Services filed on March 20, 2018. The last contact by the agency was with the 11-month-old non-relative

household member at her daycare on November 30, 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 child's father, who was residing in the home at the time of the incident:

On October 26, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now 15-year-old child by her father and stepmother. 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 April 23, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the now 15-year-old child by her father. 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.

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

On October 30, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the now 15-year-old child by her stepmother. 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 October 26, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now 15-year-old child by her father and stepmother. 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 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 child's father, who was residing in the home at the time of the incident:

On October 26, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now 15-year-old child by her father and stepmother. 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 April 23, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the now 15-year-old child by her father. 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.

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

On October 30, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the now 15-year-old child by her stepmother. 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 October 26, 2016, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On October 26, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now 15-year-old child by her father and stepmother. 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 April 4, 2012, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On April 3, 2012, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The agency completed courtesy interviews of the family for another state.

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

On August 25, 2018, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

The following history applies to the child's 11-month-old non-relative household member, who was residing in the home at the time of the incident:

On March 12, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now 11-month-old non-relative household member by the 11-month-old non-relative's mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated. The agency deemed the child's now 11-month-old non-relative household member to be unsafe, took Temporary Physical Custody, and filed a Petition for Protection or Services on March 20, 2018. The child's now 11-month-old non-relative household member was placed with her aunt, the child's stepmother.

The following history applies to the child's 15-year-old non-relative household member, who was residing in the home at the time of the incident:

On December 3, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now 13-year-old non-relative, now 15-year-old non-relative household member, and now 16-year-old non-relative by the child's non-relative household member's father. 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 September 2, 2015, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On August 26, 2015, 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 neglect, physical abuse and emotional abuse to the child by the father and stepmother. Medical personnel determined the child's injuries were consistent with physical abuse and neglect. The child, her half-siblings and stepsiblings were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed in out-of-home care. The child, the child's 14-year-old stepsibling, and 12-year-old stepsibling were placed with separate relative caregivers. The child's 6-year-old half-sibling, 3-year-old half-sibling, 2-year-old half-sibling and 1-year-old half-sibling were placed in non-relative foster homes. The child's 15-year-old non-relative household member, who was informally residing in the home, returned to her caregiver. The child's 11-month-old non-relative household member, who was placed in the home under a Petition for Protection or Services filed on March 20, 2018, was moved to a non-relative foster home. The child's biological father and stepmother were criminally charged and court ordered to have no contact with the child or any other children who were residing in the home. Petitions for Protection or Services were filed for all children residing in the home 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 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): |

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 181205DSP-Milw-883. 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.

Yes No Not Applicable This 6-Month summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) action on this case.