

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: 210829DSP-Milw-1089 **Agency:** Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 12 Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American

Special Needs: None

Age: 8 Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 08/29/2021

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

On August 29, 2021, the agency received a report regarding a 12-year-old child and an 8-year-old child brought to the hospital with multiple injuries. The 12-year-old child was pronounced deceased at the hospital. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the injuries and death to be non-accidental in nature. As a result of Law Enforcement's investigation, the children's grandfather was charged with 1st-Degree Intentional Homicide, Physical Abuse of a Child, Repeated Acts Causing Death, Neglecting a Child (Consequence is Death), and Physical Abuse of a Child, Repeated Acts w/ High Probability of Great Bodily 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 professionals 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 12-year-old child and 8-year-old child by the grandfather. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the injuries and death to be non-accidental in nature. The 8-year-old child and his siblings were deemed safe, and they remained with their grandmother. The agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment, and no service referrals were made.

Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?
 Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The children's grandfather

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 12-year-old child and the 8-year-old child resided with their 17-year-old sibling, 15-year-old sibling, 5-year-old sibling and grandmother. The children's mother had sporadic visitation with the children, and the children's fathers had no visitation.

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:

N/A

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.)
None

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 children's mother:

On July 26, 2020, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On November 17, 2018, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On December 30, 2016, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On December 23, 2016, the agency screen-out a CPS Report.

On March 20, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse and neglect to the now deceased 12-year-old child by the child's mother. An assessment was completed by the agency, and the allegation of physical abuse and neglect was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On March 11, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now deceased 12-year-old child by the child's mother. An assessment was completed by the agency, and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

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On January 30, 2014, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On February 18, 2013, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now deceased 12-year-old child by the child's mother. 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 July 31, 2012, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now deceased 12-year-old child by the child's mother. 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 May 30, 2012, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now deceased 12-year-old child by the child's mother. 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 June 8, 2007, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the children's now 15-year-old sibling by the children's mother and neglect and physical abuse to the children's now 17-year-old sibling by the children's mother. An assessment was completed, and the allegations of neglect were substantiated. The allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated. A Petition for Protection or Services for the now 15-year-old and the now 17-year-old was ordered on July 12, 2007 and the case was opened for Ongoing Services.

The following history is related to the children's grandmother:

On July 20, 2021, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On July 5, 2021, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On December 31, 2019, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On December 3, 2019, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On August 19, 2019, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now deceased 12-year-old child, the now 8-year-old child, the now 17-year-old sibling, the now 15-year-old sibling, and the now 5-year-old sibling by the children's

grandmother and alleging physical abuse to the now deceased 12-year-old child, the now 8-year-old child, and the now 15-year-old sibling by the children's grandmother. An assessment was completed by the agency, and the allegations of neglect and physical abuse were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On August 13, 2019, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On December 26, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now 8-year-old child, the now 17-year-old sibling, the now 15-year-old sibling, and the now 5-year-old sibling by the children's grandmother and alleging physical abuse to the now deceased 12-year-old child by the child's grandmother. An assessment was completed by the agency, and the allegations of neglect and physical abuse were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On November 30, 2015, the agency screened in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse and sexual abuse to the now 15-year-old sibling by the children's aunt and neglect to the now 17-year-old sibling and now 15-year-old sibling by the children's aunt and grandmother. An assessment was completed by the agency, and the allegations of physical abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On January 20, 2014, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On June 18, 2012, 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 professionals 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 12-year-old child and 8-year-old child by the grandfather. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the injuries and death to be non-accidental in nature. The 8-year-old child and his siblings were deemed safe, and they remained with their grandmother. The agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment, and no service referrals were made.

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 type="checkbox"/> Temporary physical custody of child | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with medical professionals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services) | <input type="checkbox"/> Supervised visitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement into foster home | <input type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement with relatives | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case closed by agency |
| <input 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 #210829DSP-Milw-1089. As a result of this review process, the DSP determined policy or practice changes were not 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 final summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) action on this case.