

# 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:** 211005DSP-Kewa-1100      **Agency:** Kewaunee County Department of Human Services

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

Age: 7 Years      Gender:  Female    Male

Race or Ethnicity: White/Caucasian

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** 10/05/2021

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

On October 5, 2021, the agency received a report regarding a seven-year-old child brought to the hospital with multiple injuries. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. Medical professionals determined the injuries were non-accidental in nature. As a result of law enforcement’s investigation, the child’s father was criminally charged with Physical Abuse of a Child (repeated acts intentionally causing great bodily harm), Chronic Neglect of a Child (consequence is great bodily harm), Causing Mental Harm to Child, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Reckless Injury and Aggravated Battery (intend great bodily harm). As a result of law enforcement’s investigation, the child’s father’s girlfriend was criminally charged with Physical Abuse of a Child (repeated acts intentionally causing great bodily harm), Chronic Neglect of a Child (consequence is great bodily harm), Causing Mental Harm to Child, Aggravated Battery (intend great bodily harm) and 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Reckless Injury. 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 child by the child’s father and the father’s girlfriend. Medical professionals determined the injuries were non-accidental in nature. The agency deemed the child, her one-year-old half-sister, and the father’s girlfriend’s two-year-old daughter unsafe. The child remained at the hospital, and the child’s one-year-old half-sister and the father’s girlfriend’s two-year-old daughter were taken into Temporary Physical Custody and placed with relatives. Petitions for Protection or Services Petition 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?   The father and the father’s girlfriend

**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 biological father, her one-year-old half-sister, her father’s girlfriend, and the father’s girlfriend’s two-year-old daughter. The child’s mother did not have 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.)

On May 20, 2021, the agency screened in a Services Report. The family was referred to community 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.)

On October 4, 2021, the agency screened out a Services Report.

On June 7, 2021, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On June 1, 2021, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On May 20, 2021, the agency screened in a Services Report. The family was referred to community services.

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

On February 2, 2021, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On February 1, 2021, 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 child by the child’s father and the father’s girlfriend. Medical professionals determined the injuries were non-accidental in nature. The agency deemed the child, her one-year-old half-sister, and the father’s girlfriend’s two-year-old daughter unsafe. The child remained at the hospital, and the child’s one-year-old half-sister and the father’s girlfriend’s two-year-old daughter were taken into Temporary Physical Custody and placed with relatives. Petitions for Protection or Services Petition 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 a 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 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 #211005DSP-Kewa-1100. As a result of this review process, the DSP determined the agency had implemented efforts to provide staff with additional training opportunities to enhance safety assessment practices.

**Recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes needed to address identified issues based on the record or on-site review:**

Based on the agency's effort and response to this incident and DSP review, no further policy, practice, or statutory changes are recommended.

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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.