

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: 211126DSP-Milw-1108 **Agency:** Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 7 months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 11/26/21

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

On November 26, 2021, the agency received a report regarding a 7-month-old infant 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 infant's mother was criminally charged with Physical Abuse of Child-Recklessly Cause Great Bodily Harm and Neglecting a Child-Consequence is Great Bodily Harm. The mother's partner was criminally charged with Neglecting a Child-Consequence is 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 infant by the mother and neglect to the infant by the mother and the mother's partner. Medical professionals determined the injuries were non-accidental in nature. The infant was deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed in a non-relative foster home. The infant's siblings, who were not living in the home at the time of the incident, remained in out-of-home care with a relative under a previous order for Protection or Services. A petition for Protection or Services for the infant 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 and the mother's partner.

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 her mother, her mother's partner, and her mother's partner's mother. The infant's father 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:

At the time of the incident, the infant's now 3-year-old and 2-year-old siblings were placed in out-of-home care with a relative under an order for Protection or Services. The last contact by the agency was a phone call with the relative provider on November 24, 2021.

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 September 13, 2021, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 3-year-old brother and 2-year-old sister by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency, and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. A Petition for Protection or Services was filed for the infant's siblings on November 4, 2021, and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

On April 27, 2021, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant by the 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 27, 2020, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 3-year-old brother and 2-year-old sister by the mother and father. 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 November 19, 2019, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 3-year-old brother and 2-year-old sister by the 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 November 6, 2019, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 2-year-old sister by the 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 31, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 3-year-old brother by the 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.

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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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 infant by the mother and neglect to the infant by the mother and the mother's partner. Medical professionals determined the injuries were non-accidental in nature. The infant was deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed in a non-relative foster home. The infant's siblings, who were not living in the home at the time of the incident, remained in out-of-home care with a relative under a previous order for Protection or Services. A petition for Protection or Services for the infant 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 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 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 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 #211126DSP-Milw-1108. 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.