

# 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:** 211228DSP-Milw-1112      **Agency:** Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services

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

Age: 16 years      Gender:  Female  Male

Race or Ethnicity: White/Caucasian

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** 12/28/21

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

On December 29, 2021, the Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services received a report that a 16-year-old child who was in out-of-home care was found unresponsive and pronounced deceased on December 28, 2021. Law Enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. The Medical Examiner's Office noted no signs of trauma to the 16-year-old child and determined the cause of death was due to controlled substance toxicity. No criminal charges were filed, and the case was closed.

**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. An independent Initial Assessment found insufficient evidence to substantiate neglect of the 16-year-old child by the group home staff. The Medical Examiner's Office noted no signs of trauma to the 16-year-old child and determined the cause of death was due to controlled substance toxicity. The agency determined the other children living in the group home to be safe, and the case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment. The group home was reviewed by the licensing agency, and no safety issues were identified.

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):

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.)

N/A

**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.)

N/A

**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:**

N/A

**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:**

At the time of the incident, the 16-year-old child was residing in a group home. The child was originally placed in out-of-home care on November 19, 2021 due to allegations relating to the child's supervision and care.

**Description of all other persons residing in the OHC placement home:**

At the time of the incident, the 16-year-old child resided in a group home that is licensed for six children. At the time of the incident, three other children were residing at the group home.

**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.

The facility has maintained an active license since August 3, 2018. There have been no violations or other actions that constitute a substantial failure to protect the welfare of the children in the group home.

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): Coordination with the licensing agency.          |

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**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 #211228DSP-Milw-1112. 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 summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) action on this case.