

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: 231118DSP-Winn-1276 **Agency:** Winnebago County Department of Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 5 months Gender: ☒ Female ☐ Male

Race or Ethnicity: White

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 11/20/23

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

On November 20, 2023, the agency received a report regarding a 5-month-old infant who was 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, an unrelated caregiver was charged with Physical Abuse of a Child, Repeated Acts Causing 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. Medical professionals determined the injuries were non-accidental in nature. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse and neglect to the infant by an unrelated caregiver. The infant was deemed unsafe and taken into Temporary Physical Custody. Upon discharge from the hospital, the infant was placed with a relative. The other unrelated children in the home were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed with a relative. Petitions for Protection or Services 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 infant's unrelated caregiver

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 an unrelated caregiver, the unrelated caregiver's significant other, and the unrelated caregiver's 6-year-old child, 5-year-old child, 3-year-old child, and 1-year-old child. The infant's mother and father did not have regular 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 agency was assessing an October 15, 2023 CPS Report. The last contact by the agency was with the unrelated caregiver on November 20, 2023.

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 October 15, 2023, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infant by the unrelated caregiver. During this assessment period, the agency received an additional report on November 20, 2023. An assessment was completed by the agency, and the initial allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated.

On July 23, 2023, the agency screened-in a CPS Report for Alternative Response alleging physical abuse to the infant by the

father. An assessment was completed by the agency with the determination of services not needed. The agency received another CPS Report on October 15, 2023 prior to case closure.

On June 1, 2023, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The family was referred to community services.

The following history is related to the unrelated caregiver.

On October 12, 2022, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The family was referred to community resources.

On June 2, 2022, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The family could not be located.

On January 5, 2022, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The family was referred to community resources.

On May 8, 2021, the agency screened-in a CPS Report for Alternative Response alleging neglect to the unrelated caregiver's now 6-year-old child, 5-year-old child, and 3-year-old child by the unrelated caregiver. An assessment was completed by the agency with the determination of services not needed. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On April 27, 2021, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The family declined services.

On August 10, 2020, the agency screened-in a CPS Report for Alternative Response alleging neglect to the unrelated caregiver's now 6-year-old child and 5-year-old child. An assessment was completed by the agency with the determination of services not needed. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On December 9, 2019, the agency screened-in a CPS Report for Alternative Response alleging neglect to the unrelated caregiver's now 6-year-old child and 5-year-old child. An assessment was completed by the agency with the determination of services not needed. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On August 5, 2019, the agency screened in a Services Report. The family declined 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 15, 2023, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infant by the unrelated caregiver. During this assessment period, the agency received an additional report on November 20, 2023. An assessment was completed by the agency, and the initial allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated.

On July 23, 2023, the agency screened-in a CPS Report for Alternative Response alleging physical abuse to the infant by the father. An assessment was completed by the agency with the determination of services not needed. The agency received another CPS Report on October 15, 2023 prior to case closure.

On July 19, 2023, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On June 27, 2023, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On June 19, 2023, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On June 13, 2023, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On June 1, 2023, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The family was referred to community services.

The following history is related to the unrelated caregiver.

On April 24, 2023, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On October 12, 2022, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The family was referred to community resources.

On June 2, 2022, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The family could not be located.

On January 5, 2022, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The family was referred to community resources.

On December 9, 2021, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On September 22, 2021, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On September 3, 2021, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On July 2, 2021, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On June 18, 2021, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On May 8, 2021, the agency screened-in a CPS Report for Alternative Response alleging neglect to the unrelated caregiver's now 6-year-old child, 5-year-old child, and 3-year-old child by the caregiver. An assessment was completed by the agency with the determination of services not needed. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

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

On April 27, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On April 27, 2021, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The family declined services.

On August 10, 2020, the agency screened-in a CPS Report for Alternative Response alleging neglect to the unrelated caregiver's now 6-year-old child and 5-year-old child. An assessment was completed by the agency with the determination of services not needed. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On February 12, 2020, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On December 9, 2019, the agency screened-in a CPS Report for Alternative Response alleging neglect to the unrelated caregiver's now 6-year-old child and 5-year-old child. An assessment was completed by the agency with the determination of services not needed. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On December 9, 2019, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On December 8, 2018, 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. Medical professionals determined the injuries were non-accidental in nature. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse and neglect to the infant by an unrelated caregiver. The infant was deemed unsafe and taken into Temporary Physical Custody. Upon discharge from the hospital, the infant was placed with a relative. The other unrelated children in the home were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed with a relative. Petitions for Protection or Services 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 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 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 FURTHER REVIEW WAS UNDERTAKEN:

Summary of policy or practice changes to address issues identified based on the 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 incident #231118DSP-Winn-1276. 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 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.