

# 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:** 240410DSP-Dane-1311      **Agency:** Dane County Department of Human Services

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

Age: 13 years      Gender:  Female    Male

Race or Ethnicity: White; Caucasian

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** 04/10/24

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

On April 10, 2024, the agency received a report regarding a 13-year-old child who was found deceased. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. The Medical Examiner's Office noted no signs of trauma to the child; the autopsy report is pending. No criminal charges have been filed in this case, and the investigation remains open.

**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 neglect to the child by the mother's significant other. The child's 6-month-old sibling was deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed with relatives. A Petition for Protection or Services 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?

**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 was residing with her mother and her 6-month-old sibling. The child's father had no contact with the child.

**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 family was receiving voluntary case management services through another agency. The last contact by that agency was a text message communication with the child's mother on March 8, 2024.

**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.)

The following history is related to the child's mother.

On January 15, 2024, another agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse of the child by the mother and sexual abuse of the child by the mother's ex-significant other. An assessment was completed by the agency, and the allegations of physical abuse and sexual abuse were unsubstantiated. The case remained open to provide voluntary ongoing case management services.

On July 21, 2023, another agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the child by the mother, physical abuse of the child by the mother's ex-significant other, and sexual abuse of the child by a peer. An assessment was completed by the agency, and the allegations of neglect, physical abuse and sexual abuse were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

The following history is related to the child's father.

On September 29, 2022, another agency screened-in a Services Report. The family was offered voluntary community services.

On July 1, 2021, another agency screened-in a Services Report. The agency was unable to make contact with the family, and the case was closed.

**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 January 14, 2024, 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 neglect to the child by the mother's significant other. The child's 6-month-old sibling was deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed with relatives. A Petition for Protection or Services 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referral to services   |
| <input 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 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):   |

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**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 #240410DSP-Dane-1311. 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.