

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: 241029DSP-Dane-1344

Agency: Dane County Department of Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 8 months

Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: White; Hispanic

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 10/29/24

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

On October 29, 2024, the agency received a report regarding an 8-month-old infant who was pronounced deceased. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. The Medical Examiner's Office noted no signs of trauma; the autopsy report is pending. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the infant's non-relative adult caregiver was criminally charged with Neglecting a Child (Consequence is Death). 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 Medical Examiner's Office noted no signs of trauma; the autopsy report is pending. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of neglect of the infant by the infant's non-relative adult caregiver. The agency determined the child's siblings safe, and they remained with their mother and father. The family was referred to community services, and the agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?

Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The infant's non-relative adult 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 his mother, his father, his 2-year-old sibling, his 7-year-old sibling, and a non-relative adult caregiver.

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 August 23, 2024, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the infant's now 2-year-old sibling 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.

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 Medical Examiner's Office noted no signs of trauma; the autopsy report is pending. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of neglect of the infant by the infant's non-relative adult caregiver. The agency determined the child's siblings safe, and they remained with their mother and father. The family was referred to community services, and the agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

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 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): |

FOR DSP COMPLETION IF RECORD OR ON-SITE REVIEW WAS UNDERTAKEN:

Summary of policy or practice changes the agency made to address issues identified based on review of the incident:

Under the Child Welfare Disclosure Act (Section 48.981(7)(cr), Stats.), the DSP completes a 90-day review of the agency's practice in each case reported under the Act. A further practice review has been completed for case #241029DSP-Dane-1344. No immediate changes to policy or practice were made based on review of the incident.

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

The DSP did not make any recommendations for further changes based on this review process. (Note: The review process for an individual case may not result in a recommendation for policy or practice changes, however, but may impact future recommendations as a result of the review of multiple cases and other related sources of information.)

Yes No Not Applicable This 6-month summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) action on this case.

