

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: 241222DSP-Buff-1355 **Agency:** Buffalo County Department of Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 9 months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American and White

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 12/11/24

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

On December 11, 2024, the agency received a report regarding a 9-month-old infant brought to the hospital with head injuries. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. Medical professionals determined the injuries were consistent with non-accidental head trauma. 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. Medical professionals determined the injuries were consistent with non-accidental head trauma. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate neglect of the infant by the mother and father. The agency deemed the infant and the infant's 1-year-old sibling unsafe and initiated a Protective Plan. Subsequently, the infant and the infant's 1-year-old sibling were taken into Temporary Physical Custody and placed in a foster home. The infant and the infant's 1-year-old sibling were later placed with a relative. The agency determined the infant's 6-year-old sibling safe, and they remained with their mother. 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?

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, 6-year-old sibling, and 1-year-old sibling. The infant's father had 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 the December 9, 2024 Services Report. The agency had not yet contacted the family at the time of the incident.

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 December 9, 2024, the agency screened in a Services Report. The infant was injured during the assessment period and an additional CPS Report was made to the agency regarding the infant's injuries on December 11, 2024. An assessment of the concerns documented in the initial Services Report was included in the assessment of the December 11, 2024 CPS Report, and the allegation of neglect was substantiated.

On February 8, 2021, the agency screened in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infant's now 6-year-old sibling by the mother and father. An assessment was completed by the agency, and the allegations of physical abuse were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment, and the family was referred to community 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.)

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On November 22, 2024, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On November 7, 2024, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On October 1, 2024, the agency screened-out a CPS report.

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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. Medical professionals determined the injuries were consistent with non-accidental head trauma. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate neglect of the infant by the mother and father. The agency deemed the infant and the infant's 1-year-old sibling unsafe and initiated a Protective Plan. Subsequently, the infant and the infant's 1-year-old sibling were taken into Temporary Physical Custody and placed in a foster home. The infant and the infant's 1-year-old sibling were later placed with a relative. The agency determined the infant's 6-year-old sibling safe, and they remained with their mother. 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 checked="" 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 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supervised visitation |

- protection or services)
- Placement into foster home
- Placement with relatives
- Ongoing Services case management

- Case remains open for services
- Case closed by agency
- Initiated efforts to address or enhance community collaboration on CA/N cases
- 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 #241222DSP-Buff-1355. 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.