

# 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:** 250622DSP-Brown-1392      **Agency:** Brown County Human Services Department

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

Age: 2 years      Gender:  Female  Male

Race or Ethnicity: American Indian/Alaska Native

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** 06/22/2025

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

On June 22, 2025, the agency received a report regarding a 2-year-old child brought to the hospital with head injuries. The child was later pronounced deceased on June 23, 2025. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the death was non-accidental in nature. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the mother's significant other was criminally charged with First Degree Reckless Homicide. 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 determined the death was 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 of the child by the mother's significant other. 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 mother's significant other

**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 resided with his mother, his mother's significant other, and the mother's significant other's father. The child's father did not have 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 June 5, 2025, CPS Report. The last contact by the agency was a phone call with the mother on June 12, 2025.

**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 June 5, 2025, the agency screened-in a CPS report for Alternative Response alleging neglect to the child by the mother. The child died during the assessment period, and an additional report was made to the agency regarding the child's injuries and subsequent death on June 22, 2025. An assessment of the initial allegation was completed by the agency with the determination of services not needed regarding the initial allegation of neglect.

On August 29, 2024, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child by the mother. 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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On December 30, 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. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the death was 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 of the child by the mother's significant other. 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 type="checkbox"/> Case closed by agency  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing Services case management   | <input checked="" 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 #250622DSP-Brown-1392. As a result of the review process, the agency implemented changes to improve the consistency and quality of safety practices, including continued and updated training of child protection services staff.

**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.)

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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.