

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: 250716DSP-Milw-1402 **Agency:** Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 13 years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: African American

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 07/16/2025

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

On July 16, 2025, the agency received a report regarding a 13-year-old child who was pronounced deceased. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the child died as a result of a serious injury. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, an unrelated individual 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 child died as a result of a serious injury. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the child by an unknown maltreater. The child's 1-month-old infant was deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed with a relative. The child's siblings were deemed safe and remained in the care of their father. A Petition for Protection or Services was filed for the child's infant, 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? An unrelated individual

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 her mother, her 1-month-old infant, her 7-year-old sibling, and her 5-year-old sibling. The child had regular contact with her father.

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 10, 2025, CPS Report. The last contact by the agency was a face-to-face home visit with the child's mother and a separate face-to-face home visit with the child's father, which both occurred on July 11, 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 10, 2025, the agency screened-in a CPS Report 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 death on July 16, 2025. An assessment of the initial allegation was completed by the agency, and the initial allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated.

On January 31, 2025, 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.)

On July 8, 2025, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On June 10, 2025, the agency screened-in a CPS Report 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 death on July 10, 2025. An assessment of the initial allegation was completed by the agency, and the initial allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated.

On April 18, 2025, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On March 7, 2025, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On January 31, 2025, 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.

On January 5, 2025, 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 Medical Examiner’s Office determined the child died as a result of a serious injury. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the child by an unknown maltreater. The child’s 1-month-old infant was deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed with a relative. The child’s siblings were deemed safe and remained in the care of their father. A Petition for Protection or Services was filed for the child’s infant, 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 checked="" 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 |

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 #250716DSP-Milw-1402. 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, 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.