

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: 250719DSP-Brown-1404 **Agency:** Brown County Health and Human Services Department

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 7 months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American /Hispanic/Latino

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 07/19/25

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

On July 19, 2025, the agency received a report regarding a 7-month-old infant who was in out-of-home placement with a relative and who was pronounced deceased in the home of her mother and father. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. The Medical Examiner’s Office noted no signs of trauma to the infant; 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 of the infant by the mother and father. The agency deemed the infant’s half-siblings safe in their relative foster homes. The case remained open for 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):

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:

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.)

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:

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:

At the time of the incident, the infant was residing with a relative through court-ordered kinship care. The infant was originally placed in out-of-home care on March 25, 2025, after being taken into Temporary Physical Custody due to allegations of neglect by the mother.

Description of all other persons residing in the OHC placement home:

At the time of the incident, the infant was residing with a relative and her 3-year-old and 2-year-old half-siblings. The infant’s 7-year-old and 5-year-old half-siblings were residing with another relative. The infant’s half-siblings were placed in out-of-home care on March 25, 2025, after being taken into Temporary Physical Custody due to allegations of neglect by the mother.

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.

The relative was an unlicensed kinship care provider. The relative had no history constituting a substantial failure to protect and promote the welfare of the child.

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 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): |

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

Summary of policy or practice changes 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 #250719DSP-Brown-1404. As a result of this review process, the agency continued to focus on practice improvements to enhance assessment and planning with families.

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.