

## 90-Day Summary Report for Child Death, Serious Injury or Egregious Incident

Case Tracking Number: 100503DSP-PN-18 Agency: Crawford County Human Services Dept.

Child Information: Age: 17 years Gender:  Female  Male  
Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian  
Special needs: None

Child's Residence:  In-home  Out-of-home care placement

Date of Incident: 5/3/10

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

On May 3, 2010, the youth left his high school classroom without explanation and did not return to school. The school contacted the youth's foster parent in the afternoon. When the youth didn't show up for baseball practice, the foster parent contacted his parents and the police. The foster parents searched for him, but did not find him. On May 5, 2010 the police found the child's body in the woods behind the school hanging from a tree. Reportedly, there were no indications that the youth was suicidal.

### Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

There were no allegations of maltreatment to the child regarding this incident, and the cause of death is suicide. Interviews with persons close to the child found that there were no indications that he was suicidal. The child was placed in a treatment foster home and was receiving services. Both the child and his parents desired reunification, which was the permanency goal.

### Additional information for children in home:

#### Description of the child's family:

Yes  No **Statement of Services:** Were services under ch. 48 or ch. 938 being provided to the child, 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 under ch. 48 or ch. 938 by child's parents or alleged maltreater in the previous five years:

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 or alleged maltreater:

Summary of any investigation conducted under ch. 48 or ch. 938 and any services provided to the family since the date of the incident:

### Additional information for children in out-of-home (OHC) placement at time of incident:

#### Description of the OHC placement and basis for decision to place child there:

The child resided in a treatment foster home where he was placed in March 2010. Since 2008, the youth had received various services and treatment, both inpatient and outpatient. His parents were concerned about their child and were unable to provide the level of supervision needed. The treatment team, child and his family agreed that out-of-home care placement was necessary.

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

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In addition to the youth, the foster parents and two teenagers from two different counties resided at the treatment foster home.

**Licensing history:** Including type of license, duration of license, summary of any violations by licensee or an employee of licensee that constitutes a substantial failure to protect and promote the welfare of the child.

The home was licensed by Family Works as a treatment foster home since 2008. There have been no licensing or other violations for this home and foster parents.

**\* Summary of actions taken by agency in response to the incident:**

The county and licensing agencies coordinated an investigation of the incident that included the foster parents, family, law enforcement and therapist. The case was reviewed by the county agency's critical incident team, who determined there are no concerning issues related to the handling of this case. Private agency staff responded immediately to the foster home and to the child's biological family to provide support and counseling.

**\*Summary of policy or practice changes to address identified issues:**

None

**\*Recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes needed to address identified issues:**

None

**Statement of Completion:**

Yes  No This 90-day summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) review of this case.

\* If a full report including agency actions, changes in policies or practices and recommendations for further changes was not completed within 90 days, the DSP will complete and submit the final summary report within 6 months.