

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

Case Tracking Number: 100806DSP-PN-39 Agency: Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare (BMCW)

Child Information: Age: 3 months Gender:  Female  Male  
Race or Ethnicity: Spanish/Hispanic  
Special needs: None prior to the incident

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

Date of Incident: 8/6/10

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

On August 6, 2010 the BMCW was notified that the three-month-old infant was taken to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. The infant was found to have multiple fractures to the occipital bone (back of head), large gaping right parietal skull fracture, intracranial hemorrhage, brain injury and altered mental status. Initially, the father reported that the child fell from the bed onto the floor while sleeping in her car seat, but medical staff indicated that the injuries are not consistent with the father's explanation. The father later admitted to losing his temper and throwing her against the wall of the bedroom when she wouldn't stop crying. If the infant survives, there will be permanent mental and visual impairment. The father is currently incarcerated and criminally charged with Child Abuse - Intentional Causion of Great Bodily Harm.

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

The agency substantiated physical abuse to the infant by the father. The father admitted that he was physically abusive to his infant resulting in significant head trauma. After offering false stories, the father finally confessed that the baby was crying, and he threw her six to eight feet against the bedroom wall. He reported that the infant immediately stopped crying, her eyes crossed, and she stopped breathing. The father provided mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, and the infant began breathing again. The father called the mother of the infant and then his mother prior to contacting emergency services. The infant is blind, has very little brain stem activity requiring 24-hour care, and may develop a seizure disorder due to the severity of the brain injury. The father has been criminally charged.

### Additional information for children in home:

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

The infant was residing with her mother, father, paternal grandmother and the paternal grandmother's eleven children.

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:

N/A

#### Summary of all involvement in services under ch. 48 or ch. 938 by child's parents or alleged maltreater in the previous five years:

In 2005 and 2007, the child's mother received services from the agency when she was a minor.

#### 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:

In 2005, the agency screened in two CPS Reports on the child's mother's family when she was a minor. In August 2005, the allegation was substantiated, and the minor received services through the Kinship Care program. Later in 2005, the agency screened in, investigated and substantiated the report of maltreatment, offering the family services.

In 2007 the agency screened in and investigated a report, substantiating neglect and assisting the family with services.

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

The agency substantiated physical abuse to the infant by the father. The father confessed to causing the injuries and is

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currently incarcerated. The agency obtained temporary physical custody of the infant, removing her from her parents' care. Upon discharge from the hospital, she was placed into a treatment foster home. The mother is receiving assistance to help her meet the infant's care and medical needs and to address other needs related to the family's trauma. The family has been referred to services that specialize in working with children that are blind. The family is receiving Ongoing Services case management to address various service needs of the mother and child.

**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:**

**Description of all other persons residing in the OHC placement 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.

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

The agency screened in, investigated and substantiated alleged maltreatment to the infant by her father. The agency removed the child from her parents and placed her into treatment foster care. The family is receiving Ongoing Services from the agency to address their various needs.

**\*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.