

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

Case Tracking Number: 100815DSP-PN-41 Agency: Walworth County Dept. of Health & Human Services

Child Information: Age: 2 months Gender:  Female  Male  
Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian  
Special needs: None prior to incident

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

Date of Incident: 8/13/10

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

On 8/16/10 the agency received a report from Illinois that a Walworth County child is hospitalized in critical condition there. Police were called to the hospital regarding the two-month-old baby, who sustained the following injuries: petechial hemorrhages, subdural hematoma, occipital fracture, fractured right & left femurs, scratches on her mouth pallet, dilation and bruising of the rectum, bruising to the right armpit, both eyes, left side of head and face, 7-10-day old bilateral breaks of the tibia and fibula, healing break to the rib, ripped frenula and elevated liver enzymes. The child's mother reported that on Friday, August 13, the baby was with the father when he called her, stating there had been an accident. The following information was provided by the mother: The father explained that he and the baby were outside while he was cleaning his boat. He then took the baby inside and passed out from the heat as he was going up the stairs. He and the baby fell. The mother stated that when she saw the baby later, she noticed bruising on the face, but otherwise she seemed "OK." On Sunday, August 15, the parents were out all day, leaving the baby with a relative. When they returned, the mother wanted to take the baby to the hospital because she was vomiting and lethargic. The father became angry, knocking the mother to the ground. He then took the baby and threatened to kill the baby if she tried to take her from him. The father was reportedly intoxicated at the time. The mother called the police to help her leave the home.

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

The Walworth County Dept. of Health and Human Services substantiated physical and sexual abuse to the child by her father. The baby and father were visiting with relatives in Illinois when the child was injured. The father contacted the mother regarding the alleged incident, and she joined them in Illinois. Please see above for circumstances leading to the incident. All of the child's injuries were determined nonaccidental by physicians at the hospital in Illinois where she was hospitalized and treated. The father was arrested and held on a domestic violence charge. The relative where the father and baby were staying is charged with Child Neglect - Failure to Protect. The Illinois Dept. of Children and Family Services and the Chicago Police Department are conducting investigations.

### Additional information for children in home:

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

The child resided with her mother and father until approximately one week prior to this incident, when the mother and child moved in with a relative. The father was having scheduled visits with the child.

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:

The agency received and screened in a report on 7/10/10 and was in the process of assessing the family when the child became injured. During the initial assessment the parents were provided educational materials on the prevention of injuries; e.g., shaken baby syndrome prevention, safe sleep, and sudden infant death syndrome. The family was referred to other community services and offered information on other available services. The last face-to-face contact occurred on 07/20/2010 during a home visit with the family.

#### 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:

None

**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 at the age of 18 years or older:**

On 7/10/10 the agency opened this case and was conducting an initial assessment at the time the child became injured.

**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 maltreatment to the child by her father. The child was removed from the parents' care, and initially neither parent was allowed contact with her. The child was placed with a relative and the mother was allowed supervised visits with the baby. The child was discharged from the hospital, and the mother and child have been referred to services.

**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 and investigated the report of the child's serious injuries, substantiating maltreatment to the child by her father. The child was removed from her parents' care and placed with a relative. The mother's visits with the child are supervised. The mother and child are receiving Ongoing Services from the agency.

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

Review of this case is ongoing.

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

Review of this case is ongoing.

**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.