

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

Case Tracking Number: 100821DSP-PN-44 Agency: Polk County Human Services Department

Child Information: Age: 2 1/2 years Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian
Special needs: None

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

Date of Incident: 8/21/10

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

The child was taken to the hospital after the mother received a call from her significant other that she was injured from a fall down the steps. The medical examination found the child had a broken lower right tibia and petechia around her eyes, cheeks and earlobes. The injuries were suspicious for nonaccidental injury. Mother's boyfriend confessed to injuring the child. Reportedly, the child was at home with her mother's significant other when he became upset with her for getting into the infant's formula. He carried and threw her into the bedroom, where she landed partially on and off the bed. The child's lower right tibia was fractured. The petechia resulted from partial strangulation, most likely from the child's clothing cinched around her neck when he carried her by her clothing around the kitchen, through the living room and into the bedroom. He has been criminally charged with one count of Child Abuse - Intentional Causion of Harm and two counts of Neglecting a Child - Consequence is Bodily Harm.

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency substantiated physical abuse by the mother's live-in significant other. Please see material circumstances described above.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

At the time of the incident, the child lived with her mother, younger sibling and mother's significant other at his residence.

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:

Please see the following section.

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:

None noted for the children, members of this family unit or the alleged maltreater as adults.

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 child by the mother's boyfriend. The boyfriend confessed to hurting the child and has been criminally charged in Polk County. The agency determined that the children were safe in their mother's care. During the assessment, the mother and younger sibling stayed with relatives. The biological father of the injured child lives in Barron County and obtained custody of her following the incident. The mother's visits with the child are supervised by relatives. The mother and both children now reside in Barron County. The mother cooperated fully with the criminal and CPS investigations. She is being assisted with services for herself and the children. The agency has notified Barron Co. Health and Human Services Dept. that the family is residing there.

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 injuries to the child. The agency collaborated with the Polk County Sheriff's Dept. during the investigation. The injured child received medical evaluation and treatment. The agency arranged for the mother to leave the boyfriend's residence and contacted the biological father of the injured child who took the child upon discharge from the hospital. Agency workers continued to meet with the family when they moved to Barron County and notified the county agency that the family now resides there. A court order was obtained preventing contact between the maltreater and child. The mother received support from the agency and is being referred to additional services for herself and her children.

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

The initial assessment and safety assessment are not in compliance with the CPS Access and Initial Assessment Standards or the CPS Safety Intervention Standards. The agency is aware of the related practice findings and must ensure that assessments are in compliance with Standards.

***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.