

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

Case Tracking Number: 100919DSP-PN-50 Agency: Rock County Human Services Department

Child Information: Age: 7 years Gender:  Female  Male  
Race or Ethnicity: Hispanic White  
Special needs: None

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

Date of Incident: 9/19/10

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

On September 19, 2010, police were called to the home of a relative of the child. The following information was reported by the mother: She was backing out of the driveway with her child in the front seat of the car sitting on his knees. While instructing the child to put on his seat belt, the door "flew open" and the child fell out of the car, causing the mother to "back" into the child. The mother denied that she "ran over" her child as his legs were resting on top of the tire when she observed him.

When EMS responded, the child was unresponsive and cardiopulmonary resuscitation was performed. The child was treated briefly at the local hospital and med-flighted to Rockford Memorial Hospital in Rockford, Illinois. The child was intubated and on a ventilator in the Intensive Care Unit. He was diagnosed to have a grade 4 liver laceration, partially collapsed lung, fractured rib, abrasions on his back, petechiae around both of his eyes and possible axonal head injury. The mother was ticketed for violation of child safety restraint requirements. Law enforcement concluded the incident was accidental, and no criminal charges were filed.

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

The agency substantiated neglect to the child by his mother. The mother knowingly let the child ride in the front seat of the car and did not own a booster seat. The mother acknowledged the law and the risk involved with her child not being in a booster seat, however, continued to allow the child to ride without a booster seat and in the front seat of the car. This was the mother's second violation within three years. She was cited for this in Illinois in 2008. No further action occurred regarding criminal charges, as law enforcement concluded the incident to be accidental.

### Additional information for children in home:

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

The child lives with his mother and stepfather and has contact with his biological father.

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 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:

In 2009, the agency screened in a report for child welfare services; the family declined 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 neglect to the child by his mother. The child remained hospitalized during the initial assessment and was responsive and breathing on his own. The prognosis is that he will make a full recovery with rehabilitation

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services. The mother agreed to use a booster seat for the child and provide hospital staff proof of the seat upon his discharge. No further services were needed or desired by the family. The case was closed at the end of the assessment.

**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, substantiating neglect to the child by his mother for failure to properly secure him in the car. The initial assessment determined that the child was safe. The child continued to receive medical care, and upon discharge, the mother was required to prove to hospital staff the child would be safely restrained in the car before he could be released from the hospital to her. No further services were needed, and the agency closed the case.

**\*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.