

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

Case Tracking Number: 101115DSP-PN-64 Agency: Dane County Dept. of Human Services

Child Information: Age: 3 months Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: African American
Special needs: None identified

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

Date of Incident: 11/15/10

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

On 11/16/10, the infant was taken to the hospital emergency room by her parents due to concerns about a fever. Upon examination, the infant was found to have a spiral fracture of the left humerus and possible rib fractures. The doctor indicated the arm fracture is fairly new, two left rib fractures are at least a month old, and the 3-4 right rib fractures are more than 1-2 weeks old, but occurred separately from the left rib fractures. Physicians determined that the baby's injuries were caused by nonaccidental trauma. Initially, the father indicated that he may have hurt her arm when he picked her up, but he never shook or squeezed her. Later he confessed that the injuries were his fault, admitting that he feels frustrated when the baby cries.

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency substantiated physical abuse to the infant by her father. The child was determined unsafe in her parents' care and placed into foster care. The father admitted to inappropriately picking up the child under the arm and grabbing her by the ribs with both hands. One medical opinion indicated that father's explanations were not consistent with the injuries. The mother's whereabouts during the times the father was supervising the child are unknown as is her possible knowledge or involvement in causing the rib fractures. The father has been criminally charged with Child Abuse - Reckless Causion of Great Harm and 2 counts of Child Abuse - Intentional Causion of Great Bodily Harm.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

The infant resided at home with her mother and father. The mother has sporadic visits with her two other children, ages 4 and 5, who reside with their maternal grandmother in a neighboring state.

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:

On 10/19/2010, the agency received and was in the process of investigating a report on the child and parents when this incident was reported. The initial assessment social worker made contact with the family on three occasions. Prior to this incident, the last contact was a home visit with the parents and child on 11/8/10.

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:

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 10/19/2010 the agency screened in and began investigating a report of alleged physical abuse by the father. The agency began collecting police records, medical information and met with the family 10/25, 10/28 and 11/08. The child was injured, and the injuries were reported on 11/16/11. The 11/16 allegations were added to the 10/19 initial assessment. The 10/19/10 allegations were unsubstantiated.

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:

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 completed an investigation, substantiating physical abuse to the child by her father. The child was determined unsafe in her parents' care. The infant was taken into custody and initially placed into foster care before being moved to a relative placement. The case was transferred to Ongoing Services. The parents are receiving supervised visitation services through the agency. A CHIPS petition is pending in Juvenile Court. The infant has received follow up medical care and no complications have been reported. The infant was assessed and services are recommended. Criminal charges against the father are pending.

***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.