

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

Case Tracking Number: 110207DSP-Clark-76 Agency: Clark County Dept. of Social Services

Child Information: Age: 7 months Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: Hispanic
Special needs: None prior to incident

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

Date of Incident: 2/7/11

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

On February 9, 2011 the agency was notified that 2 days earlier a child was taken by ambulance to the hospital. Reportedly, while in the care of a relative, the child was in a swing unsupervised and fell. The child suffered severe brain trauma, a skull fracture, subdural hematoma, and paralysis on one side. Part of the skull cap was removed due to swelling of the brain. A relative caring for the child reportedly found her lying on the floor beneath a baby swing. The relative believes that a young child in the home placed the baby in the swing, but didn't fasten the restraining harness. Medical opinion is that the injuries are consistent with a whiplash motion, similar to abusive head trauma (shaken baby), and are not consistent with a fall from a low swing onto a carpeted floor. A criminal investigation is ongoing.

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency substantiated physical abuse to the child by an unknown maltreater. The child was determined unsafe in the care of the parents and relatives residing with the family. The child was being cared for by relatives while the parents were working. Reportedly, after changing the baby's diaper, the relative handed the baby to a 3 1/2-year-old relative also in the home at the time of the injuries. Reportedly, the young child carried the baby and placed her into a metal swing, but did not secure the safety devices. The relative explained that she found the baby on the floor. Also on the floor under the swing was a case of water bottles. Medical opinion is that the injuries are nonaccidental.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

The child resided with her mother, father, two adult relatives and two children of the relatives. The child has a half-sibling that lives with the father's wife in another community.

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:

None

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 collaborated with law enforcement, the District Attorney and medical professionals during the investigation. The agency substantiated physical abuse to the child by an unknown maltreater. The injured child was placed into foster care upon discharge from the hospital. The child was subsequently reunified with her parents with several court ordered conditions, including the condition that no other persons, including relatives, may be in the household with the child. It has

not been determined how the child sustained these injuries. The child continues to receive medical services. The child and family members have been referred to other services and are receiving Ongoing Services from the agency.

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 allegation of injuries to the child, collaborating with law enforcement, the District Attorney and medical professionals. The agency substantiated physical abuse to the child by an unknown maltreater. The child was removed from her parents care and placed into foster care. She was later reunified with her parents contingent upon several conditions. The child and parents have been referred to services. The agency accompanies the family to all medical appointments and provides other services, including unannounced home visits. The case remains open with the agency for Ongoing Services case management.

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

The Initial Assessment is not in compliance with the CPS Access and Initial Assessment Standards and the Safety Intervention Standards. The DSP is working with the agency regarding practice issues identified during this case review.

***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.