

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

Case Tracking Number: 110330DSP-Grant-92 Agency: Grant County Dept. of Social Services

Child Information: Age: 1 month Gender:  Female  Male  
Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian  
Special needs: None

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

Date of Incident: 3/30/11

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

The child was taken to the hospital due to concerns that he was not moving his arm. The medical examination found that the baby had a spiral fracture to the upper right arm and a small skull fracture. The child's father explained that he left the baby with an older sibling while he stepped outside to have a cigarette. He explained that while he was gone, the older sibling attempted to pick up the baby and dropped him. Medical professionals determined that the injuries could not have occurred as described by the parent. The injury to the arm was very recent, and the date of the skull fracture could not be determined. Agency staff identified that the injuries were most likely caused out of frustration rather than a conscious intent by the father to harm the child. The father was criminally charged with Child Abuse - Intentional Causion of Great Bodily Harm, and the charge was later dismissed.

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

The agency substantiated physical abuse to the infant by his father. The children were determined unsafe in their father's care. The father was caring for the children while their mother was at work. The father stepped outside to smoke a cigarette, which the mother described as his way of handling frustration. He placed the baby and his sibling on the bed, placing a rolled blanket around them. The older sibling was playing with toys in another room. When the father returned, approximately 2-3 minutes later, the babies were crying, and the older sibling was running from the bedroom. He noticed that the child was not moving his entire right arm. He contacted the children's mother and a relative, asking the relative to come over and look at the child's arm. The relative thought it might be a dislocation, and the father contacted another relative to take them to the hospital. The father explained that he did not see what happened, and guessed that the older child was jumping on the bed, possibly pulling on the injured child. The doctor does not believe this explanation of the injuries is plausible.

### Additional information for children in home:

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

The child resides with his mother, father and two siblings.

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 substantiated physical abuse to the child by his father. The children were determined unsafe in the care of their

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father. The agency required that the father's visits with the children were supervised during the initial assessment. Both parents were cooperative, complying with the agency's requests and requirements. The parents have been referred to services, and the father's interactions with the children are supervised. The family continues to receive Ongoing Services case management 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, investigated and substantiated the allegation of physical abuse to the child by his father. The children were determined unsafe in their father's care. The agency initially implemented a protective plan, restricting the father from the home during the assessment. Subsequently, a safety plan was implemented requiring that the father's visits with the children are supervised. The agency assisted the family with the court process. The case was transferred to Ongoing Services, and the family continues to services from the agency.

**\*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.