

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

Case Tracking Number: 110414DSP-Jeff-97 Agency: Jefferson County Human Services Dept.

Child Information: Age: 7 months Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian
Special needs: None

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

Date of Incident: 4/14/11

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

The child's mother called 911 after finding her son blue and face down in the bathtub. Attempts were made to revive the child, but he was pronounced dead at the hospital. The mother had placed the child and older sibling in the bathtub. Reportedly, she was standing in the bathroom doorway conversing with her boyfriend, when they both noticed the sudden silence. She turned back into the room and found the child, pulling him from the tub. The boyfriend started CPR while the mother called for help. Law enforcement is not recommending criminal charges at this time, deeming the incident an accident.

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency substantiated neglect to the deceased child by his mother. The surviving sibling was determined unsafe in the mother's care. The parents share custody of the children, and the child was visiting with his mother at the time of the incident. See above section for material circumstances.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

The father had primary custody of the child, and the mother had primary custody of the sibling. Both parents had regular visits throughout each week with both children. The mother's boyfriend also resided in the mother's home at the time of the incident.

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:

See 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 living in this household and the child's parents and alleged maltreater at the age of 18 years or older:

On February 23, 2011 the agency screened in and initiated an investigation of a report of alleged physical abuse to the older sibling. The assessment was not completed at the time of the child's death. The 2/23/11 allegation of physical abuse was subsequently unsubstantiated. No services were provided to the family.

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 and his sibling were determined unsafe in their mother's care. The agency determined that the mother was not properly supervising the young children during their bath. The parents voluntarily placed the older child with a relative during the investigation, and subsequently the father requested and received primary placement of the child. The mother was granted regular periods of placement with the child that must be supervised. The mother and boyfriend no longer reside together. The mother lives with another relative who supervises the mother and child when the child stays with her.

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 child's death, substantiating neglect to the child by his mother. Both children were determined unsafe in the mother's care. The agency implemented a protective plan for the surviving sibling, and the parents voluntarily agreed to place the child with a relative during the investigation. The plan was later amended, and the father assumed placement of the sibling. A safety plan is now in place that allows the child to stay with the mother, but the visits are supervised by the relative in the relative's home where the mother now resides. The case remains open with the agency, and the family is receiving Ongoing Services.

***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.