

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

Case Tracking Number: 110703DSP-Rich-125 Agency: Richland County Health and Human Services Dept.

Child Information: Age: 14 years Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian
Special needs: Cerebral Palsy

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

Date of Incident: 7/3/11

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

The child's parents called for an ambulance to take him to the hospital, where it was learned that his right femur was broken. Reportedly, while sitting up the child in his bed to dress him, the mother heard a "pop," and he began crying. The injury was determined a spiral fracture, which tends to be suspicious for physical abuse. It was later determined by medical staff that the injury could have been sustained during routine care, due to his vulnerable physical condition. No criminal charges were filed in connection with the injury.

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency unsubstantiated maltreatment to the child. The child and his sibling were determined safe in their mother's care. The mother and father share custody of the children, and the child was visiting with his mother. She had diapered and was dressing the child, when she heard a "pop" while sitting him up in the bed. When he didn't stop crying, she called the father for assistance. An ambulance was called, and initially, the injury was considered suspicious. Due to the child's low bone density, lack of flexibility and vulnerability, it was determined that the injury could have been sustained during routine care.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

The child lives primarily with his father, stepmother, and stepsiblings in the father's home. The sibling lives primarily with the mother and her boyfriend in the mother's home. The children have regular visitation with each noncustodial parent in that parent's home.

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:

In 2008, the agency screened in and investigated a CPS Report on the family. Maltreatment was unsubstantiated and the children were determined safe. The family was referred to services, and the agency closed the case.

In 2004, the agency screened in a report for child welfare services. The child welfare assessment identified needed services and referred the mother to services. The agency closed the case.

Summary of any investigation conducted under ch. 48 or ch. 938 and any services provided to the family since the date of the incident:

Maltreatment was unsubstantiated, and the child and sibling were determined safe in their mother's care. No needed services for the family were identified, and the case was closed.

In October 2011, the agency screened in a report for child welfare services. The agency is providing services to the child

and his family in the father's household.

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 of the child's injury. The agency implemented a protective plan requiring that the mother's interactions with the injured children were supervised during the initial assessment. Maltreatment was unsubstantiated, and the children were determined safe in their mother's care. 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.