

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

Case Tracking Number: 110714DSP-LaCr-129 Agency: LaCrosse County Human Services Dept.

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

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

Date of Incident: 7/14/11

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

The agency received a report about an infant with a skull fracture. The mother reported that she heard a thump and found one of her older children trying to pick up the baby from the floor and place her back on her bed. She believed the child either pulled the baby from the bed where she was sleeping or dropped her after attempting to hold her. The child had a bump on her head, so she immediately called the doctor. When the child couldn't be seen until the following day, the mother took her to the emergency room. The fracture was minor, and the baby was observed overnight and released the following day.

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency assessed this as an alternative response case, which does not require a maltreatment determination. The skull fracture was very minor and did not require further medical care or observation. Two of the older children were having some adjustment problems following the birth of their new sibling. The child that dropped her had handled her roughly in the past. The agency and medical professionals determined that the baby's injury was accidental and likely occurred as described by the mother and the other children in the home.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

The baby resides with her mother and four siblings. The infant's father's contact with the child is sporadic. The father of the other four children has regular visits with them.

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 2007, the agency screened in and investigated a CPS report on the family. Maltreatment was unsubstantiated and the children were determined safe in their parents' care. The parents were referred to community services, and the case was closed.

In 2008, the agency screened in two CPS Reports and one child welfare report. Maltreatment was unsubstantiated, and the children were determined safe. The agency worked with the family to assess their needs and assist with services in response to the child welfare report.

In 2009, the agency screened in a CPS Report alleging that a secondary caregiver was not appropriately supervising these children when left in his care. The maltreatment was unsubstantiated, and the mother was assisted with needed services.

In 2010, the agency screened in a CPS Report. Maltreatment was unsubstantiated, the children were determined safe and the mother was referred to community services. The case was closed.

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 worked with the family, which consisted of a single parent raising five children, the youngest being the seven-week-old infant. The agency identified and assisted the mother with various needed services and supports. The worker ensured that the mother was able to provide supervision of the older children to prevent injuries to the infant in the future. The case was closed following the assessment.

On October 15, 2011, the agency received a CPS Report and screened it in for an alternative response. The mother was again assisted with needed services, the children were determined safe, and the case was closed.

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 the CPS Report of injuries to the infant. The report was screened in for a traditional CPS response, but changed to an alternative response during the assessment, which does not require the agency to make a maltreatment determination. The family was assessed to have many needs, and the agency worked closely with the family to assist and connect them to community resources. The children were determined safe, and the case was closed following the assessment.

***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.