

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

Case Tracking Number: 110722DSP-Oneid-143 Agency: Oneida County Department of Social Services

Child Information: Age: 1 ½ years Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian
Special needs: None

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

Date of Incident: July 22, 2011

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

On July 22, 2011, the agency received a report of bruising to the child. The child was taken to the hospital and a full skeletal x-ray found that the child had 17 different fractures, including 12 rib fractures, 2 broken arm bones, and 2 pelvis fractures. The mother provided explanations for the bruising to the child's face that included falling out of bed and injuries from another child, including a bite mark. Upon learning about the child's fractures, the mother described an incident where she picked up the child and squeezed her too hard because the child was in her way and other times when she pulled the child onto the couch by her arms. The mother was criminally charged with Child Abuse -Recklessly Cause Harm and Neglecting a Child. The mother was found guilty of Child Abuse-Recklessly Cause Harm and Neglecting a Child.

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency substantiated maltreatment of physical abuse to the child by the mother. The child was determined unsafe in the care of her mother. The week prior to the report, the child was noted by her father to have various bruises for which the mother always had an explanation. The child had bruising on her face, chin, down her spine, to both buttocks, and a bite mark on her thigh. The child was taken to the hospital on July 25, 2011 where the doctor determined that the child's bruising did not match the most recent explanation that the child had fallen out of bed. She was taken to another hospital where the multiple fractures were discovered. The mother described different occasions (e.g., squeezing, pulling her arms, stepping on her) where her actions may have hurt the child.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

The pregnant mother and child had recently moved in with the mother's boyfriend. The child had regular visits with her father in the father's household where he resided with relatives. The mother's boyfriend has a child that has regular visits with him in the child'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:

The agency was assessing an allegation of physical abuse and neglect to the child when the incident occurred. The last contact with the family occurred on June 20, 2011.

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:

On June 13, 2011, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging maltreatment of physical abuse and neglect to the child. The Initial Assessment was underway when the agency received the report of bruising to the child on July 22, 2011. The allegations from the June 13, 2011 CPS Report were unsubstantiated and the child was determined safe based on information the agency had collected prior to the report of this serious incident.

On November 18, 2009, the agency screened-in a Services Report for child welfare services to assist the mother with her newborn baby. The agency attempted to reach the mother, who did not respond. The case was closed.

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:

N/A

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 maltreatment of physical abuse to the child by her mother. The child was determined unsafe and removed from the mother's care. The agency implemented a protective plan, first placing the child with her father while conducting the Initial Assessment. When the extensive injuries were discovered, the child was taken into temporary physical custody and placed into a foster home. The mother's visits with the child are supervised; the child's father is allowed unsupervised visits with the child. The case was opened for ongoing case management services and the family continues to work with the agency.

On September 23, the agency screened-in a Services Report for child welfare services for the pregnant mother and her boyfriend regarding the impending birth of their child. In October, the newborn infant was taken into temporary physical custody by the agency and placed in foster care upon discharge from the hospital. Visits with both parents were supervised. The infant was later placed with the father, and the mother's visits with the new baby and older child continue to be supervised. The mother's case remains open and the agency is working with the family.

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:

N/A

Description of all other persons residing in the OHC placement home:

N/A

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.

N/A

*** Summary of actions taken by agency in response to the incident:**

The agency screened-in and investigated the allegations of maltreatment to the child, substantiating physical abuse by the mother. The child was determined unsafe in her mother's care. The agency implemented a protective plan, immediately placing the child with her father. The child was later moved to a foster home placement, and initially both parents' visits with the child were supervised. The agency collaborated with law enforcement and medical professionals during the assessment. The case was opened for ongoing case management services.

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

The DSP found the agency not in compliance with the CPS Access and Initial Assessment Standards and the CPS Safety Intervention Standards. The DSP is worked with the agency to address the issues.

***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.

This 90-Day Summary Report was previously delayed. DSP did determine that releasing the summary report would jeopardize an ongoing criminal/civil investigation/proceeding, and delayed posting as provided under Wis. Stat. § 48.981(7)(cr)7.