

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

Case Tracking Number: 110813DSP-Grant-135 **Agency:** Grant County Dept. of Social Services, transferred to
Crawford County Human Services Dept.

Child Information: Age: 5 weeks Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian
Special needs: None

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

Date of Incident: 8/13/11

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

The infant was sleeping with his parents when his mother awoke to find him not breathing. He was taken to the hospital by ambulance where he was pronounced deceased. The parents and their children had attended a party the previous evening. They went to bed very late at their friend's home, with the mother, father and infant sleeping together in a twin bed pushed up against a wall. Their older child slept with their friends' children in another room. Both parents admitted to using substances at the party. The child's death was determined accidental asphyxiation. No criminal charges have been filed in connection with the case.

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency substantiated neglect to the deceased infant by the mother. Maltreatment to the surviving sibling was not alleged, and the older child was determined safe in the parents' care. The parents attended a party with their children, where many other adults and children were present. The parents admitted intoxication and use of other substances at the party.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

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:

Grant County DSS received and screened in the report, but the family moved to Crawford County during the initial assessment. Crawford County HSD substantiated neglect to the infant by the mother. The agency determined the surviving sibling safe in the parents' care. The child's death was determined accidental asphyxiation. The agency offered services to the family, but they declined. The agency closed the case.

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:**

Grant Co. DSS received and screened in the report alleging maltreatment to the infant. Crawford County HSD conducted the initial assessment, substantiating neglect to the infant by the mother. Both agencies worked with law enforcement during its investigation of the death. Crawford County HSD offered services to the parents, but they declined. The agency closed the case.

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

Grant Co. DSS is not in full compliance with the CPS Access and Initial Assessment Standards regarding timely initial face-to-face contact with the family. The DSP is working with the agency regarding this issue.

***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.