

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

Case Tracking Number: 110830DSP-Dunn-145 Agency: Dunn County Dept. of Human Services

Child Information: Age: 3 years Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian
Special needs: None

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

Date of Incident: 8/30/11

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

The child was hit by a car, suffering a fractured leg and traumatic brain injury. The child was in the care of the mother's boyfriend while she was working. The boyfriend allowed the child to play in the yard while he was in the house. He reported continually checking on the child, but the accident occurred at 12:39 p.m., and the boyfriend did not arrive at the scene looking for the child until 1:17 p.m. No criminal charges were filed in connection with the incident.

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency substantiated neglect to the child by the mother's boyfriend. The child and his sibling were determined unsafe. The boyfriend cares for the children while the mother is working. The older sibling was not home when the incident occurred. Reportedly, the boyfriend was watching a movie and periodically checked on the child while he was playing in the yard. Some older children also were at the home, and the boyfriend asked if they had seen the child; they had not. He left the home to look for the child and arrived at the accident scene where there were police cars and rescue vehicles.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

The child lives with his sibling, mother and the mother's boyfriend. The child and sibling have supervised visitation with their father. The boyfriend has a child that visits and stays with the family on weekends.

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 April 2009, the agency screened in a report and provided child welfare services to the mother and her child. The mother was connected to community services and worked voluntarily with the agency.

In September 2004, the agency screened in a CPS Report. Maltreatment was unsubstantiated and the child was determined unsafe. The agency assisted the family with services, and the child was voluntarily placed with relatives. The case was closed.

In March 2004, the agency screened in 2 CPS Reports alleging neglect. Neglect was unsubstantiated and the child was determined safe. The mother was already connected to services, and 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:

The agency substantiated neglect to the injured child by the mother's boyfriend. The child and his sibling were determined unsafe. The mother agreed that the boyfriend would no longer supervise her children but did not follow-through, leaving

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the children with him on several occasions following the incident. The agency arranged day care for the injured child; the older sibling is school-aged. The agency is assisting the family with other needed services and in-home support. The case remains open for Ongoing Services case management.

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 injuries to the child. Neglect by the boyfriend was substantiated, and the children were determined unsafe. The agency implemented a safety plan that the boyfriend would not supervise the children by himself. The agency worker assisted the family with obtaining community services. The case remains open for Ongoing Services.

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

The initial assessment is not in full compliance with the CPS Access and Initial Assessment Standards. The DSP is working with the agency on the identified 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.