

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

Reports submitted to the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) that do not include all of the required information will be returned to the agency for proper completion. Do not identify individuals by name when completing this report. Individuals may be referenced by relationship or position; e.g., mother, father, child, sibling, physician, detective, etc.

Case Tracking Number: 120422DSP-Milw-196 Agency: Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

### Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 1 year Gender:  Female  Male  
Age: 3 months Gender:  Female  Male  
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Race or Ethnicity: Asian/Mexican American

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 4/21/12

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

On April 22, 2012, the agency received a report alleging physical abuse to the children by the biological parents. One of the 3-month-old infants was taken for medical treatment where it was discovered she had three fractures to her left femur which were indicative of abuse. The father reported he had fallen down the stairs while holding the infant the previous afternoon, but she had not appeared to be injured at the time of the fall. The mother reported that she had noticed the infant seemed to be in pain that evening, but attributed it to her recent immunizations and did not seek medical treatment for her until the next day. Due to the nature of her injuries, the other children were also examined. One of the infants was found to have a fractured left ankle. The other infant was found to have a right knee fracture, as well as left knee and left ankle fractures. The parents did not have explanations for the injuries to these children. The 1-year-old was found to be free from injuries. A 10-year-old half-brother also lived in the home and was not injured. Due to the injuries to the girls, both parents were arrested by law enforcement. The father later admitted to causing the injuries and the mother was released from custody. The father has been criminally charged with Child Abuse – Intentionally Cause Great Bodily Harm (3 counts) and Neglecting a Child -Consequence is Bodily Harm (3 counts). A criminal charge is merely an allegation and a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

### Findings by agency, including maltreatment determination and material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency screened in and assessed the allegations of physical abuse by the biological parents to their 3-month-old triplet girls. The agency substantiated allegations of physical abuse and neglect by the father to each of the three girls. The medical examination showed that each girl had knee and/or ankle fractures which were indicative of abuse. The father admitted to intentionally causing these injuries by twisting the girls' legs when changing their diapers and then failed to seek medical attention for the girls. The agency unsubstantiated the allegation of physical abuse by the father to the 14-month-old boy, as the medical exam found the child to be free from injuries. The agency substantiated neglect by the mother to the 3-month-old girl, due to her failure to immediately seek medical assistance for her injured child. All five children were determined to be unsafe in the care of their parents and were placed in foster care.

Yes  No Criminal investigation pending or completed?  
 Yes  No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? Father

Child's residence at the time of incident:  In-home  Out-of-home care placement

Complete the appropriate following section (A. or B. based on the child's residence at the time of the incident).

#### A. Children residing at home at the time of the incident:

**Description of the child's family** (includes household members, noncustodial parent and other children that have visitation with the child and / or in the child's family home):

The triplets lived with their mother, father, 14-month-old brother, and 10-year-old half brother.

Yes  No **Statement of Services:** Were services under ch. 48 or ch. 938 being provided to the child, any member of the child's 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: (Does not include the current incident.)

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. (Does not include the current incident.)

(Note: Screened out reports listed in this section may include only the date of the report, screening decision, and if a referral to services occurred at Access. Reports that do not constitute a reasonable suspicion of maltreatment or a reason to believe that the child is threatened with harm are not required to be screened in for an initial assessment, and no further action is required by the agency.)

On 2/22/12 a referral alleging neglect by the mother to her 10-year-old son, 11-month-old son, and 1-month-old triplet daughters was screened out as No Threatened Harm or Maltreatment.

Summary of any investigation involving the child, any member of the child's family and alleged maltreater conducted under ch. 48 or ch. 938 and any services provided to the child and child's family since the date of the incident:

The agency screened in and assessed the allegations of physical abuse by the biological parents to their 3-month-old triplet girls. The agency substantiated allegations of physical abuse and neglect by the father to each of the three girls. The medical examination showed that each girl had knee and/or ankle fractures which were indicative of abuse. The father admitted to intentionally causing these injuries and then failed to seek medical attention for the girls. The agency unsubstantiated the allegation of physical abuse by the father to the 14-month-old boy, as the medical exam found the child to be free from injuries. The agency substantiated neglect by the mother to the 3-month-old girl, due to her failure to immediately seek medical assistance for her injured child. All five children were determined to be unsafe and taken into temporary physical custody on 4/23/12. A petition was filed in court and the children were determined to be Children in Need of Protection and Services on 4/25/12. The children are currently in out-of-home care and the family continues to receive ongoing case management services.

B. Children residing 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 any actions taken by agency in response to the incident: (Check all that apply.)

- Screening of Access report
- Protective plan implemented
- Initial assessment conducted
- Safety plan implemented
- Temporary physical custody of child
- Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services)
- Placement into foster home
- Placement with relatives
- Ongoing Services case management
- Attempted or successful reunification
- Referral to services
- Transportation assistance
- Collaboration with law enforcement
- Collaboration with medical professionals
- Supervised visitation
- Case remains open for services
- Case closed by agency
- Initiated efforts to address or enhance community collaboration on CA/N cases
- Other (describe):

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**Summary of policy or practice changes to address issues identified during the review of the incident:**

None

**Recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes needed to address identified issues:**

None

Yes  No  Not Applicable This 90-day summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) review of this case.

If the case review was not completed within 90 days, the DSP will complete and submit the final summary report within 6 months.

The agency must submit an electronic copy of the completed 90-Day Summary Report to [Tara.Muender@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Tara.Muender@wisconsin.gov)