

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: 120506DSP-Dane-200 Agency: Dane County Department of Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 2 1/2 years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Age: 4 years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 5/6/12

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

On May 6th, the agency received a report alleging neglect of the children by their mother. The children were unattended for approximately 3 hours before the mother discovered they were missing. After a search of the area, the children were found inside a locked vehicle outside the mother's home. A container of gasoline was inside the car and accessible to the children. The 2½-year-old was unresponsive and the 4-year-old was minimally responsive and had gasoline on his clothing. Both children were taken to the local emergency room, where the 2½-year-old was pronounced dead. There has been no official cause of death determination, and subsequent test results are pending. The 4-year-old child was admitted to the hospital and was found to have cocaine in his system, as well as first degree burns on his inner thigh and buttocks and second degree burns covering his back. A criminal investigation is pending and no charges have been filed at this time.

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

The agency collaborated with law enforcement and medical personnel to complete the initial assessment. The agency substantiated Neglect of both of these children by their mother. There was evidence that the children came into contact with gasoline; however, the official cause of death for the 2½-year-old is still pending. The 4-year-old child was treated at the hospital and was found to have cocaine in his system, which he likely ingested within 72 hours of being tested. A doctor reported that the child's altered state upon admission to the hospital was likely due to the ingestion of cocaine, or inhalation of gasoline. This child also had first degree burns on his inner thigh and buttocks and second degree burns that covered his back. The family home was observed to be extremely filthy and cluttered. The agency obtained information that the children were often observed outside of the home unsupervised. The mother has a history of drug usage in addition to admitting that she fell asleep during this incident and in the past. The children's mother and other household members were found to have impaired parenting skills and inadequate knowledge of child development and the needs of young children. The 4-year-old child was determined to be unsafe and was placed in foster care.

Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?

Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom?

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 children lived with their mother and two adult males. The fathers of both children are unknown.

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 1/7/08 a service report regarding concerns of mother using drugs and alcohol while pregnant was screened out.

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 collaborated with law enforcement and medical personnel to complete the initial assessment. The agency substantiated Neglect of both of these children by their mother. The 4-year-old child was determined to be unsafe and was placed in foster care. The child is receiving ongoing therapeutic and medical services. A petition was filed in Juvenile Court and the case has been assigned for ongoing case management. The agency is providing supervised family interaction between the child and his mother, and is attempting to engage the mother in appropriate 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.)

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