

## 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:** 120718DSP-Calu-228      **Agency:** Calumet County Department of Human Services

**Child Information** (at time of incident)

Age: 3 years      Gender:  Female  Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Age: 6 years      Gender:  Female  Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** 7/18/12

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

On 7/18/12, the agency received a report regarding a 3-year-old child brought to the local hospital with multiple physical injuries. The child presented with a large knot on his head, bruising to the face, a burn on the palm of his hand, and a very red, swollen penis and scrotum. The child was transferred to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin for further evaluation and treatment. The medical evaluation indicated the child also had bruising on his lower abdomen and bruising on his buttocks. It was later determined the child's 6-year-old brother also had significant bruising on his buttocks. An evaluation of the child's 5-year-old sister found no injuries. Law enforcement was contacted to investigate the cause of the injuries to the children. The knot on the 3-year-old's head was adequately explained as accidental while in the care of another family member. Medical personnel determined the penis, scrotal, and abdominal bruising was consistent with multiple blunt force traumas to the abdomen and genitals, which could result in long term damage. A number of explanations were provided for how the injuries could have occurred; however, none of the explanations fully explained the extent of the injuries. Law enforcement determined the mother likely caused at least some of the injuries and at the least knew of the injuries to the 3-year-old. The mother was arrested and criminally charged with one count of Child Abuse-Intentionally Cause Great Bodily Harm and one count of Child Abuse-Intentionally Cause Harm. 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 collaborated with law enforcement to assess the allegation of physical abuse to the children. Physical abuse to both children by the mother and the mother's boyfriend was substantiated. The mother and the mother's boyfriend were the only caregivers of the children during the time the injuries occurred. The mother provided multiple statements about when and by whom the injuries were inflicted. The mother did admit that at one point, she became frustrated when the children would not go to bed and she hit the children "very hard" twice. However, medical personnel determined it is not possible for the 3-year-old to have sustained injuries to the extent he did based on this description. The three children were determined unsafe and were placed in the home of a relative.

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

**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 3-year-old and 6-year-old lived with their mother, the mother's boyfriend, and their 5-year-old sister. The children had weekend visits with their father, his girlfriend, and the paternal grandparents. The children also spent time with the maternal grandparents.

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.)

None

**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 substantiated the allegation of physical abuse to the 3-year-old and the 6-year-old by the mother and the mother's boyfriend. The children were determined unsafe and placed in the home of a relative. The agency filed a Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition in juvenile court. The children continue to reside in out-of-home care with the relative and the case remains open for ongoing case management services with the agency.

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protective plan implemented  | <input type="checkbox"/> Referral to services  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial assessment conducted   | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Placement into foster home  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services                                     |
| <input checked="" 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):   |

**FOR DSP COMPLETION ONLY:**

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

Under the Child Welfare Disclosure Act (Section 48.981(7)(cr), Stats.), the DSP completes a 90-day review of the agency's practice in each case reported under the Act. The DSP did not identify practice issues during the review of the incident.

**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)