

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: 120901DSP-Wauk-240 **Agency:** Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 2 years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 9/1/12

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

On 9/2/12, the agency received a report of a 2-year-old child who died after a drowning incident at his home. On 9/1/12, the mother was home alone with her 2-year-old son, while her husband and her 8-year-old daughter went to the grocery store. The mother observed the 2-year-old was sleepy, so she placed him in a papasan style chair in her daughter's bedroom and turned the television on for him. The mother saw the child's eyes beginning to close and believed he would fall asleep. The mother then went outside in front of the home to water flowers. Approximately 10 minutes later, the mother entered the home and found the door which leads to a backyard deck open. The mother went out the back door and found the 2-year-old face down in a small pond in the yard. The father and the 8-year-old returned home and found the mother attempting CPR on the child and the father called 911. Emergency medical technicians continued CPR upon their arrival. Flight for Life transported the child to the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Emergency Room. The child passed away on 9/2/12 at 3:00 am. The Medical Examiner's office found no suspicious or criminal circumstances in the child's death and ruled the cause of death an accidental drowning. Law enforcement conducted an investigation into the child's death and no criminal charges were filed in this case.

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

The agency screened in the report and collaborated with law enforcement and medical professionals to complete the assessment. Neglect to the child was unsubstantiated. The mother believed the child was falling asleep when she went outside for a brief time. She immediately realized the child had gone outside when she saw the door open and sought emergency medical attention. The child's death was ruled accidental. The 8-year-old was determined to be safe in the care of her parents and the agency closed the case.

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 child lived with his mother, father and 8-year-old sister.

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 completed the assessment and unsubstantiated neglect to the child. The child's death was ruled accidental by the Medical Examiner's office and law enforcement. The 8-year-old was determined to be safe in the care of her parents. The agency made a referral to community services to support the family and closed the case.

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 type="checkbox"/> Transportation assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety plan implemented | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with law enforcement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary physical custody of child | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with medical professionals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services) | <input type="checkbox"/> Supervised visitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement into foster home | <input type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement with relatives | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case closed by agency |
| <input 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:

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