

## 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:** 120903DSP-Keno-241      **Agency:** Kenosha County Department of Human Services

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

Age: 5 years      Gender:  Female  Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: Autism

**Date of Incident:** 9/3/12

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

On 9/3/12, the agency received a report regarding a 5-year-old child deceased child. The child was discovered, by his mother, hanging from a set of window blinds with the cord wrapped around his neck. The mother was in the process of cleaning the first floor of the home and allowed her three children (all diagnosed with Autism) to play upstairs. The mother reported that after vacuuming the first floor, which took approximately ten minutes, she went upstairs to observe the children. The mother discovered the child hanging from the window blinds. The mother removed the child from the blinds, contacted emergency medical services, and started CPR. Law enforcement and emergency medical personnel responded several minutes later and attempted to resuscitate the child, unsuccessfully. Preliminary medical reports concluded the cause of death consistent asphyxiation by the cord. Law enforcement determined the child's death the result of a household accident, filing no criminal charges.

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

The agency screened in and collaborated with law enforcement to assess an allegation of neglect to the child. Neglect to the child by the mother was unsubstantiated. Based on information gathered from the family, law enforcement and service providers working with the family, the agency determined the child's death was accidental and not the result of neglect. The mother was found to have the capacity and skill, with the help of informal and formal community supports, to provide adequate care and supervision to her children.

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, his 6-year-old brother and his 10-year-old brother. The father of all three children died approximately two years ago.

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 3/20/03, a Services Report regarding concerns for the health of the 8-month-old (now 10-year-old) was screened in. The agency determined services were not needed and closed the case.

On 10/31/08, a Services Report regarding concerns for mother’s ability to supervise the children was screened in. The agency referred the family to community services and closed the case.

On 7/3/11, a report alleging neglect to the children was screened in. Neglect was unsubstantiated and the agency closed the case.

**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 allegation of neglect to the child. Neglect to the child by his mother was unsubstantiated after the child’s death was determined accidental. The 6-year-old and 10-year-old were determined safe in the care of the mother. The agency participated in a multi-disciplinary meeting with several agencies and determined additional in-home services specializing in autistic children were needed. The agency referred the family to community services 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):   |

**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. In accordance with the DCF memo Series 2010-13, dated December 7, 2010 pertaining to the Child Welfare Case Review Protocol, the DSP will complete a full case record review in case #120903DSP-Keno-241.

**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)

