

## 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:** 130102DSP-Colum-286      **Agency:** Columbia 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:** 1/2/13

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

On 1/4/13, the agency received a report regarding a 2-year-old admitted to the hospital with 2<sup>nd</sup> degree burns over 32 percent of his body. On 1/2/13, the mother left the 2-year-old child in the care of her boyfriend while she was at work. Two other children living in the home were at school. The mother's boyfriend started the shower in preparation of giving the child a bath. The mother's boyfriend recently turned up the temperature on the hot water heater because it was taking a long time for the water to heat. The mother's boyfriend stepped outside the home to speak to a neighbor who came to the door; leaving the child inside the home, alone. He reported hearing the child screaming. The mother's boyfriend entered the bathroom and found the child standing in the shower, trying to get out from under the water. He helped the child out of the shower and noticed marks developing on the child's head and back of his neck. The mother's boyfriend contacted the hospital and was informed he could not bring the child in as he does not have rights to approve medical treatment. He then contacted the mother at work to inform her about what occurred. The mother came home immediately and they took the child to the emergency room. The child was later admitted to the burn unit. Law enforcement was contacted due to the initial belief by medical personnel that the injuries did not match the explanation given by the mother's boyfriend. After further evaluation by a physician with child abuse expertise, it was determined the injuries were consistent with the explanation given by the mother's boyfriend. No criminal charges will be filed in this case.

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

The agency collaborated with law enforcement and medical personnel to complete the assessment. Physical abuse to the child by the mother's boyfriend was unsubstantiated. Medical personnel concluded the injuries were consistent with the explanation of being burned in the shower by a dual shower head. The mother's children were determined safe in her care. A Protective Plan was developed stating the mother's boyfriend was not to have any contact with the child. The child's 11-year-old half-sister was residing with her maternal grandparents since the date of the incident. The mother ended her relationship with the boyfriend; she and her children will not be returning to this home. The mother continues to ensure the child receives appropriate medical care and the agency has 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, 11-year-old half-sister, the mother's boyfriend, the boyfriend's 12-year-old son, and an unrelated adult male. The boyfriend's 7-year-old son frequently visited the home. The child had visitation with his father every other weekend.

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.)

Child and his parents:

On 3/2/2004, the agency screened out a report. Parents were provided information only.

On 7/28/2006, the agency screened in a report with concerns for the mother's oldest child. The report was screened in as a Services Report with allegations of physical abuse by the child's father, who is no longer involved with the child. The family declined voluntary services.

On 8/31/2011, the agency screened out a report.

Alleged Maltreater history:

On 9/9/2002, the agency screened in a report with allegations of physical abuse to the alleged maltreater's son by the alleged maltreater. There was no other information available regarding this allegation.

On 10/12/2006, the agency screened out a report.

On 10/31/2006, the agency screened out a report. The family was provided information on community services.

On 11/6/2006, the agency screened out a report.

On 8/7/2009, the agency screened in a report with concerns for physical abuse and sexual abuse to an unrelated child of this alleged maltreater. Physical abuse was substantiated and sexual abuse was unsubstantiated. The agency closed the case.

On 2/9/2010, the agency screened in a referral for services. Services were offered to the family.

On 7/6/2011, the agency screened out a report.

On 8/23/2011, the agency screened out a report. The family was provided information on community services.

On 9/6/2011, the agency screened in a referral for services. Services were offered to the family and declined.

**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 physical abuse to the child by the mother's boyfriend. Physical abuse was unsubstantiated. The child and his 11-year-old half-sister were determined safe in the mother's care. The child continues to receive follow up care for his injuries. The agency 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 checked="" 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 case record review in #130102DSP-Colum-286.

**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)