

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: 130125DSP-EauCl-290 **Agency:** Eau Claire County Department of Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 4 Months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Asian

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: January 25, 2013

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

On January 25, 2013, the agency received a report regarding a four-month-old infant who presented at the hospital with a head injury. The mother was not home and the father was alone with the infant at the time of the incident. The father initially reported the infant rolled off the couch and landed on the carpeted floor, which caused a bump to the infant's forehead. The father reported later that evening he heard the infant crying. The father checked on the infant and found vomit in the crib. The infant was staring at the ceiling and was not exhibiting eye movement. The infant suffered a head trauma which resulted in a portion of his skull needing to be surgically removed due to pressure on the brain. The infant also had retinal hemorrhages which may cause permanent visual impairments. Medical personnel determined the injuries could not have been caused by rolling off the couch. Law enforcement was contacted to investigate the cause of the injuries. The father admitted he became upset because the mother was out and was not answering her phone. The father reported he shook the infant due to being angry.

The father was charged with one count of Physical Abuse of Child-Recklessly Cause Great Bodily Harm. The father was found guilty of one count of Physical Abuse of Child-Recklessly Cause Great Bodily Harm.

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 infant by the father was substantiated. The infant suffered head trauma with brain swelling, which required a portion of the infant's skull to be removed to relieve the pressure, as well as significant retinal hemorrhages. It was determined the injuries were not consistent with the father's initial report of the incident. The father eventually admitted to being angry with the mother and shaking the infant as a result of his anger. The agency determined the mother was not home at the time of the incident and sought medical attention for the infant as soon as she became aware of the concerns. However, the mother remains in a relationship with the father and, despite his confession, does not believe he would hurt the infant. The infant was determined unsafe and placed in foster care upon discharge from the hospital. The infant was later transferred to the home of a relative. The agency filed a Child in Need of Protection or Services petition with juvenile court.

Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?

Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The father.

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):

At the time of the incident, the infant resided with his mother and his father.

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.)

N/A

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.)

N/A

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 infant. Physical abuse by the father was substantiated. The infant was determined unsafe and placed in foster care upon discharge from the hospital. The infant was later transferred to the home of a relative. The agency filed a Child in Need of Protection or Services petition and the family continues to receive ongoing case management 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:

N/A

Description of all other persons residing in the OHC placement home:

N/A

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.

N/A

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 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 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): |

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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:

N/A

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.

This 90-Day Summary Report was previously delayed. DSP did determine that releasing the summary report would jeopardize an ongoing criminal proceeding, and delayed posting as provided under Wis. Stat. § 48.981(7)(cr)7.