

## 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:** 130219DSP-Fond-297      **Agency:** Fond du Lac County Department of Social Services

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

Age: 2 weeks      Gender:  Female  Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** 2/19/13

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

On 2/19/13, the agency received a report regarding a 2-week-old infant taken to the hospital after a reported fall. The infant was diagnosed with a depressed skull fracture on the left side of its head; with a hemorrhage under the fracture. Further evaluation found an additional, linear fracture to the right side of the infant's head. On the day of the incident, the mother took her three older daughters to school, leaving the father at home with the 2-year-old and 2-week-old. The father reported he put the infant in a bassinet which sits on top of the pack-n-play while he went into the bathroom. While in the bathroom, the father heard a thud and the infant start crying. The father came out of the bathroom to find the infant on the floor. The father asked the 2-year-old what happened and the 2-year-old said the "baby dropped." The father called the mother and asked her to return home immediately because the infant had fallen. The infant sustained a bump on his head and the parents determined he needed to go to the hospital immediately. Medical personnel stated it was unusual to sustain injuries of this nature from a short household fall; however, they were unable to conclusively state the injuries were non-accidental. Law enforcement determined that 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. The allegation of physical abuse to the infant was unsubstantiated. The agency did substantiate neglect to the infant by the mother and father. The father's explanation of the incident remained consistent throughout the assessment. Medical personnel were unable to conclusively state the injuries non-accidental. Through the course of the assessment, the agency discovered concerns regarding neglect and lack of supervision in the home. The agency gathered information indicating the 12-year-old and 9-year-old provided care to the infant while the parents sleep. The 12-year-old and 9-year-old feed, diaper, hold, and put the infant to bed. The parents also left the infant in the care of the paternal grandmother, knowing the paternal grandmother has a substantial history of alcohol abuse and was under the influence of alcohol while caring for the infant. The infant was placed in the home of a relative during the assessment period. At the conclusion of the assessment, the infant was determined unsafe; however, returned to the home with an in-home safety plan in place. The agency filed a Child in Need of Protection or Services petition and the case remains open for ongoing case management services and monitoring of the in-home safety plan.

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 infant lived with his mother, father, paternal grandmother, 12-year-old half-sister, 9-year-old half sister, 5-year-old half-sister, and 2-year-old brother.

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 5/13/03, the agency screened in a services report.

On 5/11/06, the agency screened in a report alleging neglect to the 2-year-old (now 9-year-old) and 5-year-old (now 12-year-old). Neglect was unsubstantiated and the agency closed the case.

On 12/7/07, the agency screened in a report alleging neglect to the 6-month-old (now 5-year-old), 3-year-old (now 9-year-old), and 7-year-old (now 12-year-old). Neglect was unsubstantiated and the agency referred the family to community services.

On 9/4/08, the agency screened in a report alleging neglect to the 4-year-old (now 9-year-old). Neglect was unsubstantiated and the agency closed the case.

On 9/8/08, the agency screened out a services report.

On 12/5/08, the agency screened in a services report. The agency determined no services were needed and closed the case.

On 4/15/09, the agency screened in a report alleging neglect to the 1-year-old (now 5-year-old). 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 physical abuse to the infant. The allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated. The agency substantiated neglect to the infant by the mother and father. The infant was placed in the home of a relative during the assessment period. At the conclusion of the assessment, the infant was determined unsafe but returned to the home with an in-home safety plan in place. The agency filed a Child in Need of Protection or Services petition and the case remains open for ongoing case management services and monitoring of the in-home safety plan.

**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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services           |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Case closed by agency                               |

- Placement with relatives
- Ongoing Services case management

- Initiated efforts to address or enhance community collaboration on CA/N cases
- 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](mailto:Tara.Muender@wisconsin.gov)