

## 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:** 130308DSP-Tayl-333      **Agency:** Taylor County Human Services Department

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

A three year old male,  
five year old female,  
seven year old female and  
Age: eleven year old female.

Gender:  Female  Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** March 8, 2013

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

On June 10, 2013, the agency received a report alleging that a mother intentionally placed four of her children in a running vehicle in an enclosed garage for approximately two hours with the intent that this action would result in her death and the death of her children. The mother admitted to these allegations. The father was aware of the circumstance that occurred on March 8, 2013, and continued to leave his children in the care of his wife. The children did not sustain physical injuries as a result of this incident.

The mother was criminally charged with four counts of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Intentional Homicide. The mother was found guilty, but not guilty due to Mental Disease/Defect of four counts of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Intentional Homicide.

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

The agency collaborated with law enforcement to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate neglect by both parents to all four children. The children were determined to be unsafe; however, remained in the care of their father with an in-home safety plan and the mother is currently incarcerated. A Child in Need of Protection or Services petition was filed with juvenile court. The substantiation of neglect for allegations is currently being appealed by both parents and is pending a management review.

- Yes  No Criminal investigation pending or completed?  
 Yes  No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The mother.

**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 children resided in the home with their mother, father, and two older siblings (ages 16 and 13.)

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 allegations of neglect to the four children. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate the maltreatment of neglect by the mother and father. This substantiation is in the appeal process. The children remained in the home with the father under and in-home safety plan and the mother was incarcerated. The agency filed a Child in Need of Protection or Services petition and the case remains open for ongoing case management 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:**

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 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 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"/> 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):                                                             |

**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. 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/civil investigation/proceeding, and delayed posting as provided under Wis. Stat. § 48.981(7)(cr)7.