

## 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:** 131217DSP-Monr-392      **Agency:** Monroe County Department of Human Services

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

Age: 3 year      Gender:  Female  Male

Race or Ethnicity: White

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** 12/17/2013

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

On December 17, 2013, the agency received a report regarding a three year old child presented at a local emergency room with serious burns to the body. Local emergency room medical professionals quickly examined the burns and transferred the child via ambulance to a Children's Hospital. Medical professionals treated the burns and admitted the child to the hospital. Medical professionals diagnosed the child with second degree burns to the lower extremities, which required daily treatment. Medical professionals diagnosed the burns as accidental and reported the information provided was consistent with the injuries observed.

The agency consulted with law enforcement regarding joint investigation, however law enforcement declined involvement.

The mother of the child reported she has three children attending an unlicensed daycare. The mother received a call from the unlicensed provider that the three year old received a serious burn and needed medical treatment. The mother stated she picked up the child and transported him to the emergency room.

The agency met with the unlicensed daycare provider who stated she cares for five children and her two children on a daily basis. The unlicensed provider reported she is in the early stages of a pregnancy and has been experiencing periods of nausea. The unlicensed provider stated that on December 17, 2013, she was in the kitchen with all of the children, baking cookies in the oven and boiling frosting on top of the stove. She stated her four year old son pushed a chair up to see the cookies and she got him down but the chair remained by the stove. She stated she felt a wave of nausea coming over her and needed to get to the bathroom for fear she was going to vomit. She explained she moved the frosting to the back of the stove and went into the bathroom. Within minutes she heard pots and pans clattering and a child crying. She came back into the kitchen and found the three year old on the floor crying and observed his pants stuck to the stove and he was burned on his lower backside. She indicates that she got his pants off and his pull-up (part of the pull-up was also melted to the stove) and she immediately put him in the tub of cool water. The unlicensed provider stated she contacted the mother of the three year old who immediately came and transported the child to the emergency room. She stated she observed burns to his entire buttocks, perineum area, and left arm and hand.

No criminal charges were filed in this case.

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

The agency collaborated with medical professionals to complete the assessment. Based on information gathered, the Initial Assessment completed by the agency has insufficient evidence to substantiate the maltreatment of abuse or neglect to the child by the unlicensed provider. Medical professionals indicated the child was burned seriously but the description provided by the unlicensed provider is consistent with the burns treated on the child. The incident was deemed accidental and all children that attend the unlicensed daycare were assessed as safe. The agency contacted the other family whose children receive child care services from the unlicensed provider and were made aware of the incident. No families had any concerns for their children's care at the unlicensed provider.

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):

At the time of the incident, the child resided with his mother, father, three year old twin sibling, and one year old sibling.

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.)

On May 2, 2011, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On January 2, 2014, the agency screened-out a CPS Report

**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 collaborated with medical professionals to complete the assessment. Based on information gathered, the Initial Assessment completed by the agency has insufficient evidence to substantiate the maltreatment of abuse or neglect to the child by the unlicensed provider. Medical professionals indicated the child was burned seriously but the description provided by the unlicensed provider is consistent with the burns treated on the child. The incident was deemed accidental and all children that attend the unlicensed daycare were assessed as safe. The agency contacted the other family whose children receive child care services from the unlicensed provider and were made aware of the incident. No families had any concerns for their children's care at the unlicensed provider. Prior to closing the case, the agency offered services to the family of the three year old, which were declined. Since the incident, the unlicensed provider reduced the number of children in her care following a letter from the licensing section of the agency.

**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 type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with law enforcement       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary physical custody of child     | <input type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with medical professionals |

- Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services)
- Placement into foster home
- Placement with relatives
- Ongoing Services case management

- Supervised visitation
- Case remains open for services
- Case closed by agency
- 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: [RobertB.Williams@wisconsin.gov](mailto:RobertB.Williams@wisconsin.gov)