

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: 140804DSP-Monro-464 **Agency:** Monroe County Department of Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 6 months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 8/04/14

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

On August 4, 2014, the agency received a report regarding a 6-month-old child who, while in the care of his father and paternal grandmother, had a seizure and was transported to the hospital via ambulance. Medical professionals who examined the child suspected head trauma due to the child's presenting symptoms, and the child was transported to another hospital and admitted. Medical personnel diagnosed the infant with head trauma. The child also sustained bruising on the upper right arm, left upper torso, left ankle, and scratches on his cheek, chin and hip. Medical personnel reported the injuries were non-accidental and inconsistent with the father's account.

Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation regarding the child's suspicious injuries. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the father was arrested and criminally charged with Child Abuse-Recklessly Cause Great Harm and Resisting or Obstructing an Officer. A criminal charge is merely an allegation and a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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 Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the child by the father. Medical personnel diagnosed the infant with head trauma. The child also sustained bruising on the upper right arm, left upper torso, left ankle, and scratches on his cheek, chin and hip. Medical personnel determined these to be non-accidental injuries consistent with "Shaken Baby Syndrome." The father is currently in custody and has no contact with the child who was released to his mother's care after she was assessed to be protective.

Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?

Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The child's 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 child resided primarily with his mother. The child's maternal half-sibling lived with paternal relatives and visited the mother's home. The child's father had visitation with the child and child's paternal half-sibling, occurring in the father's home, where he resided with his mother and mother's significant other.

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:

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.)

On August 29, 2013, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging unborn child abuse by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of unborn child abuse was unsubstantiated.

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

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Summary of any investigation involving the child, any member of the child's family and alleged maltreater conducted under ch. 48 and any services provided to the child and child's family since the date of the incident:

The agency collaborated with law enforcement and medical personnel to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the child by the father. Medical personnel diagnosed the infant with head trauma. The child also sustained bruising on the upper right arm, left upper torso, left ankle, and scratches on his cheek, chin and hip. Medical personnel determined these to be non-accidental injuries consistent with "Shaken Baby Syndrome." Upon discharge from the hospital, the child was released to his mother's care after she was assessed as protective. The father was criminally charged, is currently in custody and has no contact with the child.

B. Children residing in out-of-home care (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 or other actions that constitute 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 checked="" 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 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 IF RECORD OR ON-SITE REVIEW WAS UNDERTAKEN:

Summary of policy or practice changes to address issues identified based on the record or on-site 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 based on the record or on-site review: N/A

Yes No Not Applicable This 90-day summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) action on 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.