

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: 180210-DSP-MILW-805

Agency: Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 14 months Gender: ☒ Female ☐ Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 02/10/2018

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

On February 10, 2018, the agency received a report regarding a 14-month-old infant who was pronounced deceased by medical professionals. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. The Medical Examiner's office determined the cause of death to be smoke inhalation; toxicology results are pending. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the infant's mother was arrested and criminally charged with two counts of Neglect and one count of Neglecting a Child (Consequence is Death). A criminal charge is merely as 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 neglect to the 14-month-old infant and the infant's 4-year-old and 10-year-old siblings by the mother and the maternal aunt. The agency determined the infant's 6-year-old and 2-year-old cousins to be unsafe and initiated a Protective Plan using a relative care provider. The 4-year-old and 10-year-old siblings were deemed unsafe, taken in to Temporary Physical Custody, and placed in foster care with a relative. A no contact order was issued between the mother and the siblings. Children in Need of Protection and Services Petitions were filed for the infant's siblings, and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

☒ Yes ☐ No Criminal investigation pending or completed?

☒ Yes ☐ No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The infant's 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 infant resided with her mother, 10-year-old brother, 4-year-old brother, her maternal aunt, 6-year-old cousin, and 2-year-old cousin. The alleged father of the infant is not involved. The alleged father of the infant's 4-year-old brother is not involved. The alleged father of the infant's 10-year-old brother has weekly phone contact and minimal in-person contact.

☐ 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.)

The following is history related to the infant's mother:

On February 1, 2017, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On December 9, 2016, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

The following is history related to the infant's alleged father:

On November 8, 2011, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On November 3, 2011, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infant's now 18-year-old half-sibling by the father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On October 10, 2011, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On October 7, 2011, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On August 8, 2011, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The agency provided the family with referrals to community support services, parenting services and educational services.

On August 3, 2011, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The agency provided the family with referrals to community support services, parenting services and educational services.

On July 25, 2011, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On May 1, 2008, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 18-year-old half-sibling by the father and the father's significant other. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On April 9, 2008, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse and neglect to the infant's now 18-year-old half-sibling by the father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of physical abuse and neglect were unsubstantiated. The family was referred to community support services, and the case was closed upon the completion of the Initial Assessment.

The following history is related to the infant's maternal aunt, who was residing in the home at the time of the incident:

On June 4, 2015, 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 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 neglect to the 14-month-old infant and the infant's 4-year-old and 10-year-old siblings by the mother and the maternal aunt. The agency determined the infant's 6-year-old and 2-year-old cousins to be unsafe and initiated a Protective Plan using a relative care provider. The 4-year-old and 10-year-old siblings were deemed unsafe, taken in to Temporary Physical Custody, and placed in foster care with a relative. A no contact order was issued between the mother and the siblings. Children in Need of Protection and Services Petitions were filed for the infant's siblings, and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

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 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Supervised visitation |
| <input 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): |

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:

N/A

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.