

# 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:** 231011DSP-Milw-1260      **Agency:** Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services

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

Age: 12 years      Gender:  Female  Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** 10/11/23

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

On October 11, 2023, the agency received a report regarding a 12-year-old child pronounced deceased in his home. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. The Medical Examiner's Office ruled the death a homicide. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the child's father was criminally charged with 1st-Degree Reckless Homicide, Chronic Neglect of a Child (Consequence is Death), Chronic Neglect of a Child (Consequence is Bodily Harm), Chronic Neglect of a Child (Specified Harm Did Not Occur), and Failure to Report Death of Child. 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 professionals to complete the assessment. The Medical Examiner's Office ruled the death a homicide. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of neglect and physical abuse to the child by the father. The agency determined the child's siblings safe, and they remained with their mother. The agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment, and no service referrals were made.

- 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 with his father, his 17-year-old sibling, and his 15-year-old sibling. The mother did not have regular visitation with the child. The child also had three adult siblings and four adult half-siblings who resided outside of the home.

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.)

On August 29, 2020, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to one of the child's now adult siblings by the father. An assessment was completed by the agency, and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

**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 history is related to the child's father:

On August 29, 2020, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to one of the child's now adult siblings by the father. 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 27, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to one of the child's now adult siblings 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 November 3, 2017, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On September 29, 2017, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

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

On March 1, 2011, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On April 7, 2010, the agency screened-in a Services Report.

On March 17, 2010, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to one of the child's now adult siblings by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency, and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. This report came in when the agency was providing services to the family, and the case remained open for ongoing case management services.

On May 5, 2008, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to one of the child's now adult siblings by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency, and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. This report came in when the agency was providing services to the family, and the case remained open for ongoing case management services.

On October 17, 2006, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now 17-year-old sibling and the child's now adult siblings and half-siblings by the mother and the father. An assessment was completed by the agency, and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. Petitions for Protection or Services were filed on October 24, 2006, for one of the child's now adult half-siblings and three of the child's now adult siblings, and the case remained opened for ongoing case management services.

On July 19, 2006, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now 17-year-old sibling and the child's now adult siblings and half-siblings by the mother. Another report, which was made on October 17, 2006, was received during the assessment period. An assessment was completed by the agency, and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. Petitions for Protection or Services were filed on October 24, 2006, for one of the child's now adult half-siblings and three of the child's now adult siblings, and the case remained opened for ongoing case management services.

On July 20, 2005, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On September 17, 2003, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now adult siblings and half-siblings by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency, and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. This report came in when the agency was providing services to the family, and the case remained open for voluntary case management services.

On June 9, 2003, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now adult siblings and half-siblings by the mother and father. An assessment was completed by the agency, and the allegation of neglect by the mother to two of the child's now adult siblings was substantiated. This report came in when the agency was providing services to the family, and the case remained open for voluntary case management services.

On May 22, 2003, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to one of the child's now adult siblings by the

mother. An assessment was completed by the agency, and the allegation of neglect by the mother to two of the child's now adult siblings was substantiated. The case was opened for voluntary case management services.

On August 21, 2001, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to one of the child's now adult half-siblings by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency, and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

**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 professionals to complete the assessment. The Medical Examiner's Office ruled the death a homicide. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of neglect and physical abuse to the child by the father. The agency determined the child's siblings safe, and they remained with their mother. The agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment, and no service referrals were made.

**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 a 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Temporary physical custody of child                                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with medical professionals                           |
| <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services                                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement with relatives                                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case closed by agency                                              |
| <input 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):                                                             |

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**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

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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.