

# 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:** 231019DSP-Mara-1273      **Agency:** Marathon County Department of Social Services

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

Age: 15 years      Gender:  Female    Male

Race or Ethnicity: White

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** 10/19/2023

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

On October 19, 2023, the agency received a report regarding a 15-year-old child brought to the hospital with a serious injury. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. Medical professionals determined the child's injury was non-accidental in nature. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the child's father and step-mother were criminally charged with Chronic Neglect of a Child (Consequence is Great Bodily Harm) and Child Abuse-Intentionally Cause Great Bodily Harm. 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. Medical professionals determined the child's injury was non-accidental in nature. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate neglect of the child by the father and step-mother. The child was deemed unsafe and taken into Temporary Physical Custody. Upon discharge from the hospital, the child was placed in her mother's care after she was assessed as protective. The father and step-mother were criminally charged and court ordered to have no contact with the child and the child's step-sibling and half-sibling. The child's step-sibling and half-sibling were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed with relatives. Petitions for Protection or Services were filed, 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 child's father and step-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 child resided with her father, step-mother, 8-year-old half-sibling and 12-year-old step-sibling. The child had intermittent visitation with her mother.

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 July 25, 2023, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the child by the father and step-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.

On February 16, 2022, the agency screened in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the child by the father and step-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 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.)

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On March 13, 2023, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On February 16, 2022, the agency screened in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the child by the father and step-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.

On September 9, 2021, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On September 2, 2021, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On October 18, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the child by the step-mother. 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.

**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. Medical professionals determined the child's injury was non-accidental in nature. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate neglect of the child by the father and step-mother. The child was deemed unsafe and taken into Temporary Physical Custody. Upon discharge from the hospital, the child was placed in her mother's care after she was assessed as protective. The father and step-mother were criminally charged and court ordered to have no contact with the child and the child's step-sibling and half-sibling. The child's step-sibling and half-sibling were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed with relatives. Petitions for Protection or Services were filed, 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 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Case closed by agency                               |

- Placement with relatives
- Ongoing Services case management

- Initiated efforts to address or enhance community collaboration on CA/N cases
- 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.