

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: 250402DSP-Mara-1376

Agency: Marathon County Department of Social Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 2 years

Gender: ☒ Female ☐ Male

Race or Ethnicity: White

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 04/02/2025

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

On April 4, 2025, the agency received a report regarding a 2-year-old child pronounced deceased in her home on April 2, 2025. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the cause of death was due to controlled substance toxicity. No criminal charges have been filed in this case, and the investigation remains open.

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 child by the mother and found insufficient evidence to substantiate neglect by one of the child's aunts and the child's uncle. The agency determined the aunt and uncle's 6-year-old, 10-year-old, 13-year-old and 15-year-old children unsafe and initiated a Protective Plan that was later transitioned to an in-home Safety Plan with the aunt and uncle. The aunt and uncle's case remained open for voluntary services.

☒ 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 her mother. Also in the home were the child's two aunts, the child's uncle, and the child's 6-year-old, 10-year-old, 13-year-old and 15-year-old cousins. The child's father did not have visitation.

☐ 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.)

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

On July 27, 2023, the agency screened-in a CPS report for Alternative Response alleging sexual abuse to the child by the uncle. An assessment was completed by the agency with the determination of services not needed. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

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

On August 6, 2024, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The family was not in need of any service referrals.

On February 1, 2024, the agency screened-in a CPS Report for Alternative Response alleging physical abuse to the child's now 13-year-old cousin by the child's aunt. An assessment was completed by the agency with the determination of services

not needed. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On October 19, 2022, the agency screened-in a CPS Report for Alternative Response alleging physical abuse to the child's now 6-year-old cousin by the child's aunt. An assessment was completed by the agency with the determination of services not needed. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On March 31, 2022, the agency screened-in a CPS Report for Alternative Response alleging sexual abuse to the child's now adult aunt by the child's uncle. An assessment was completed by the agency with the determination of services not needed. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On March 15, 2021, another agency screened-in a Services Report. The family was referred to community services.

On December 8, 2020, another agency screened-in a Services Report. The family was referred to community services.

On April 9, 2020, another agency screened-in a Services Report. The family was not in need of any service referrals.

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 mother:

On February 1, 2024, the agency screened-out a CPS report.

On July 27, 2023, the agency screened-in a CPS report for Alternative Response alleging sexual abuse to the child by the uncle. An assessment was completed by the agency with the determination of services not needed. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

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

On August 6, 2024, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The family was not in need of any service referrals.

On August 5, 2024, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On May 21, 2024, the agency screened -out a CPS Report.

On March 4, 2024, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On February 1, 2024, the agency screened-in a CPS Report for Alternative Response alleging physical abuse to the child's now 13-year-old cousin by the child's aunt. An assessment was completed by the agency with the determination of services not needed. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

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On March 7, 2022, 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 child by the mother and found insufficient evidence to substantiate neglect by one of the child's aunts and the child's uncle. The agency determined the aunt and uncle's 6-year-old, 10-year-old, 13-year-old and 15-year-old children unsafe and initiated a Protective Plan that was later transitioned to an in-home Safety Plan with the aunt and uncle. The aunt and uncle's case remained open for voluntary 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 checked="" 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 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 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.