Public Notification of a Child Death, Serious Injury or Egregious Incident

Case Tracking Number: 110429DSP-Milw-105

Date of Public Notification: 5/4/11

The Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) has received notification that a child death, serious injury or egregious incident has occurred and maltreatment is suspected, or that a child placed in out-of-home care has died and suicide is suspected.

Date of Incident: 4/29/11

Incident Description:
On May 1, 2011 the child was transported from the foster home to Children’s Hospital in Milwaukee. The child was having seizures, and there were no observable external injuries. The medical examination revealed subdural and subarachnoid hematomas, retinal hemorrhaging, a bulging fontanelle and a fractured tibia. The child was on an unsupervised home visit with his mother on April 28 and 29. The mother reported that she left him in his car seat while she left the room to change the diaper of an older sibling. Reportedly, when she returned she found him face down on the floor and called 911. She explained that the Emergency Medical Technicians examined him and determined that he was uninjured. The foster parent called 911 on May 1 when the child appeared to be having a seizure. The child remains hospitalized.

Child Information:  Age: 4 months  Gender: □ Female  □ Male
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Child’s Residence: □ In-home  ☑ Out-of-home care placement by agency

Scope of DSP Review of Incident
☐ eWiSACWIS records review only
☑ Abbreviated review to gather more information about the case
☐ Full records and on-site review by DSP
☐ Other (describe):

Agencies cooperating with the DSP in the review at this time:
Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

Additional Information (optional):
Due to the undetermined facts of this incident, the mother and foster parents are not allowed visits with the child at this time.