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

Case Tracking Number:  110811DSP-Monr-136

Date of Public Notification:  8/15/11

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:  8/11/11

Incident Description:
The baby was taken to the local emergency room with a swollen, limp left leg. The infant was found to have a significant fracture and was taken by ambulance to Children’s Hospital in Minnesota for surgery. The father first denied causing the injury, but then admitted to causing the injury while engaging in reckless play. Medical professionals stated that the injury likely did not occur in the manner described by the father.

Child Information:
Age:  4 weeks  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:
Monroe County Department of Human Services

Additional Information (optional):
Prior to this incident, the family was unknown to the child welfare system.