

6-Month Final 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: 170315-DSP-KENO-697 **Agency:** Kenosha County Department of Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 1 year Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: White

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 03/15/2017

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

On March 15, 2017, the agency received a report regarding a one-year-old infant pronounced deceased in his home. Law Enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation into the infant's unexplained death. The Medical Examiner's Office report noted no signs of trauma to the infant, but did note that the infant died as a result of asphyxiation due to an unsafe sleeping environment; toxicology results are still pending. No criminal charges have been filed in this case, but 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 infant by the mother. Medical professionals determined the infant died as a result of asphyxiation due to an unsafe sleeping environment. The infant's siblings were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed in a non-relative foster home. A Child in Need of Protection or Services petition was 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?

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 infant resided with his mother, her significant other, and the infant's four-year-old brother, three-year-old sister, and two-year-old brother. The infant's biological father had regular 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.)

On July 13, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant 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.

On March 4, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infant's now four-year-old brother by a teacher. 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 July 25, 2014, the agency screened-in a Services Report.

On August 14, 2013, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now four-year-old brother and three-year-old sister by the mother and father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The children were deemed unsafe, and Temporary Physical Custody was taken of both children and a Child in Need of Protection or Services petition was filed on November 11, 2013. The case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

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.)

On November 10, 2016, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On July 13, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant 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.

On May 31, 2016, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On March 4, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infant's now four-year-old brother by a teacher. 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 July 25, 2014, the agency screened-in a Services Report.

On August 14, 2013, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now four-year-old sister and three-year-old brother by the mother and father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The children were deemed unsafe, and Temporary Physical Custody was taken and a Child in Need of Protection or Services was filed on November 11, 2013 and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

On July 19, 2010, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On May 1, 2009, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging sexual abuse to the infant's now nine-year-old sister by an unknown maltreater. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of sexual abuse was unsubstantiated. The child was deemed unsafe and a Child in Need of Protection or Services petition was filed. The case remained open for ongoing case management services.

On April 29, 2009, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect by the mother to the infant's now nine-year-old sister. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The child was deemed unsafe and a Child in Need of Protection of Services petition was filed. The case remained open for ongoing case management services.

On November 20, 2008, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On October 31, 2008, the agency screened-in a Services Report regarding the infant's maternal grandmother who was caring for the infant's now nine-year-old sister.

On September 4, 2008, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The agency provided the family with a referral to the

Kinship Program.

On July 30, 2008, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect by the mother to the infant's now nine-year-old sister. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The family was referred to an in-home parenting education program, and the case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

On February 22, 2008, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The agency provided the family with a referral to an in-home parenting program and AODA counseling.

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 infant by the mother. Medical professionals determined the infant died as a result of asphyxiation due to an unsafe sleeping environment. The infant's siblings were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed in a non-relative foster home. A Child in Need of Protection or Services petition was 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 the 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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supervised visitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement into foster home | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services |
| <input checked="" 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:

Under the Child Welfare Disclosure Act (Section 48.981(7)(cr), Stats.), the Department of Children and Families’ (DCF) Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) completes an initial review of the agency’s practice for each case reported under the Act. A further practice review has been completed for case #170315-DSP-Keno-697. As a result of this review process, the DSP determined the agency implemented tools to increase communication with juvenile court, specifically related to safety decision-making.

Recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes needed to address identified issues based on the record or on-site review:

None

Yes No Not Applicable This 6-Month Final summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) action on this case.