

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: 210220DSP-Rock-1056 **Agency:** Rock County Human Services Department

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 2 months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: White/Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 02/20/21

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

On February 20, 2021, the agency received a report regarding a 2-month-old infant brought to the hospital with head injuries. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. Medical professionals determined the injuries were consistent with non-accidental head trauma. 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 professionals to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the infant by an unknown maltreater. Medical professionals determined the injuries were consistent with non-accidental head trauma. The infant and the infant's 2-year-old sibling were deemed unsafe and taken into Temporary Physical Custody. They were initially placed in a non-relative foster home and subsequently 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?

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 was residing with her father, her 2-year-old brother, her paternal grandmother and grandfather, her two uncles, her uncle's girlfriend, and her 16-year-old aunt. The infant's parents shared custody and the infant spent half of the time 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:

At the time of the incident, the agency was assessing a January 11, 2021, report alleging neglect concerns in the infant's mother's home. The last contact the agency had was a home visit on February 10, 2021, with the infant, the infant's 2-year-old sibling, the mother, and another adult who resides in the mother's home.

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 is related to the infant's mother:

On January 11, 2021, the agency screened-in a CPS report alleging neglect of the infant and the infant's now 2-year-old sibling by the mother. The infant was injured during the assessment period, and an additional report was made to the agency regarding the infant's injuries on February 20, 2021. An assessment was completed by the agency, and the initial allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated.

On July 16, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS report alleging neglect of the infant's now 2-year-old sibling by the mother

and physical abuse by an unknown maltreater. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect and physical abuse were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On October 16, 2017 the agency screened-in a Services Report. The family denied the need for 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.)

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On January 11, 2021, the agency screened-in a CPS report alleging neglect of the infant and the infant's now 2-year-old sibling by the mother. The infant was injured during the assessment period, and an additional report was made to the agency regarding the infant's injuries on February 20, 2021. An assessment was completed by the agency, and the initial allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated.

On January 11, 2021, the agency screened out two CPS reports.

On July 16, 2019, the agency screened-in a CPS report alleging neglect of the infant's now 2-year-old sibling by the mother and physical abuse by an unknown maltreater. An assessment was completed by the agency, and the allegations of neglect and physical abuse were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion on the Initial Assessment.

On October 16, 2017, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The family denied the need for services.

On October 11, 2017, the agency screened out a CPS report.

On October 9, 2017, the agency screened out a CPS report.

On May 8, 2017, 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 professionals to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the infant by an unknown maltreater. Medical professionals determined the injuries were consistent with non-accidental head trauma. The infant and the infant's 2-year-old 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Referral to services |

- Initial assessment conducted
- Safety plan implemented
- Temporary physical custody of child
- Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services)
- Placement into foster home
- Placement with relatives
- Ongoing Services case management

- Transportation assistance
- Collaboration with law enforcement
- Collaboration with medical professionals
- Supervised visitation
- Case remains open for services
- Case closed by agency
- Initiated efforts to address or enhance community collaboration on CA/N cases
- 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 #210220DSP-Rock-1056. As a result of this review process, the DSP determined policy or practice changes were not needed.

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 summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) action on this case.