

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: 221028DSP-Milw-1188 **Agency:** Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 1 year Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 10/28/22

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

On October 29, 2022, the agency received a report regarding a 1-year-old infant with multiple injuries brought to the hospital on October 28, 2022. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. Medical professionals determined the infant sustained serious injuries. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the mother's significant other was criminally charged with Child Abuse-Recklessly Cause Great Harm. A criminal charge is merely an allegation, and a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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 neglect of the infant by the mother's significant other. Medical professionals determined the infant sustained serious injuries. The infant and the infant's sibling were deemed unsafe and taken into Temporary Physical Custody. The infant was placed with a relative, and the infant's sibling was placed in a licensed foster home of a family friend. 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? The infant's mother's significant other

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 her mother, her 10-month-old sibling, and the mother's significant other. The infant's 3-year-old and 7-year-old half-siblings were in out-of-home care and residing in a licensed non-relative foster home. The infant's father had regular visitation with the infant.

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 infant's 3-year-old and 7-year-old half-siblings were placed with a licensed non-relative foster home under Child in Need of Protection or Services orders related to the October 24, 2019 Services Report. The last contact by the agency was with the mother on October 27, 2022.

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 August 3, 2022, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant by her 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 October 24, 2019, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The agency opened the case to provide ongoing case management services.

On June 17, 2019, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now 3-year-old and 7-year-old half-siblings 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.

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 August 18, 2022, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On August 3, 2022, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant by her 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 12, 2021, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On October 24, 2019, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The agency opened the case to provide ongoing case management services.

On June 17, 2019, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now 3-year-old and 7-year-old half-siblings 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 April 18, 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 neglect of the infant by the mother's significant other. Medical professionals determined the infant sustained serious injuries. The infant and the infant's sibling were deemed unsafe and taken into Temporary Physical Custody. The infant was placed with a relative, and the infant's sibling was placed in a licensed foster home of a family friend. 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Protective plan implemented | <input 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 checked="" 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 |

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 #221028DSP-Milw-1188. As a result of this review process, the DSP did not determine policy or practice changes were 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.