

90-Day Summary Report for Child Death, Serious Injury or Egregious Incident

Case Tracking Number: 101002DSP-PN-52 Agency: Rock County Human Services Department

Child Information: Age: 2 ½ years Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian
Special needs: None

Child's Residence: In-home Out-of-home care placement

Date of Incident: 10/2/10

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

On October 2, 2010, it was reported that the child was taken to the hospital with second-degree burns to her face. Her stomach was hard to the touch, and the physician stated this was similar to a child whom had been "punched" in the stomach. She was intubated due to breathing difficulties. She also had bruising on her left forearm. The injuries appeared to be nonaccidental. Hospital staff identified the burns as submersion burns, with the child being placed face first into the water. According to her father, the mother had put the child to bed while he was out. He returned to the home and worked briefly in the yard where the child's mother joined him for approximately ten minutes. The mother then left their home. When he went back into the residence, he heard the child gasping for air. She was cold and clammy to the touch with "white stuff" coming out of her nose and mouth. The child's mother was not home during this time. He ran with the child to a relative's home where he used the telephone to call for emergency services, going with the child the hospital.

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

Physical abuse to the child by an unknown maltreater was substantiated. Both parents were substantiated for neglect. Both parents blame the other parent, yet state that they do not know how the injury occurred. To date, no criminal charges have been filed.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

The child lived with her mother and father at the time of the incident.

Yes No **Statement of Services:** Were services under ch. 48 or ch. 938 being provided to the child, 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:

The agency began working with the family in March 2009 after receiving and screening in a report of alleged maltreatment. The child was removed from the home, and the family received Ongoing Services. The child was reunified with her parents in June 2010, and workers were providing in-home services to the family. Before the incident, the last contact with the parents occurred on 9/28/10 and with the child on 9/20 /10.

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:

Please see previous section.

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 at the age of 18 years or older:

In 2009, the agency screened in and investigated a report of alleged maltreatment to this child by her parent when she was one day old. Neglect was unsubstantiated, and unborn child abuse (i.e., substance abuse during pregnancy) by the mother was substantiated. The baby was placed into out-of-home care placement upon discharge from the hospital. The agency supervised visits between the child and parents, graduating to unsupervised visits. According to the case record, the parents complied with all service and treatment requirements, demonstrating progress in the identified areas of need. In June 2010,

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Division of Safety and Permanence

the baby was reunified with her parents, and the family continued to receive in-home services from the agency.

Summary of any investigation conducted under ch. 48 or ch. 938 and any services provided to the family since the date of the incident:

The agency screened in and investigated the incident. Physical abuse by an unknown maltreater was substantiated; neglect by both parents was also substantiated. The child was determined unsafe in her parents' care and placed into foster care. The family is receiving Ongoing Services from the agency and visits between the parents and child are supervised.

Additional information for children in out-of-home (OHC) placement at time of incident:

Description of the OHC placement and basis for decision to place child there:

Description of all other persons residing in the OHC placement home:

Licensing history: Including type of license, duration of license, summary of any violations by licensee or an employee of licensee that constitutes a substantial failure to protect and promote the welfare of the child.

*** Summary of actions taken by agency in response to the incident:**

The agency screened in a report of alleged maltreatment, partnering with law enforcement during the investigation. Maltreatment was substantiated, and the initial assessment determined the child was unsafe in her parents' care. The agency took temporary physical custody of the child, removing her from her parents and placing her into a foster home. The agency is providing Ongoing Services to the family, including supervising visits between the parents and child.

***Summary of policy or practice changes to address identified issues:**

None

***Recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes needed to address identified issues:**

None

Statement of Completion:

Yes No This 90-day summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) review of this case.

* If a full report including agency actions, changes in policies or practices and recommendations for further changes was not completed within 90 days, the DSP will complete and submit the final summary report within 6 months.