

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

Case Tracking Number: 101030DSP-PN-62 Agency: Winnebago County Dept. of Human Services

Child Information: Age: 8 months Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian
Special needs: None

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

Date of Incident: 10/30/10

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

On October 30, 2010, the mother's vehicle was found submerged in the river. Earlier in the day, the pregnant mother was drinking and smoking marijuana with friends. The mother, a friend and her 8-month-old son departed together in her car. She returned the friend to his home, and later that day came back to his home, wet and intoxicated, where she fell asleep. One of the friends attempted to locate her vehicle and child, but could not. The friend contacted the child's father who searched for and found the vehicle in the river. He contacted 911, and the child was found in the backseat of the car, strapped in his car seat with no pulse. Emergency staff were unable to revive the child.

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency substantiated neglect to the deceased child by his mother and unborn child abuse was unsubstantiated. The mother was intoxicated and does not know how her car and baby ended up in the river. The mother is incarcerated and criminally charged with 1st Degree Reckless Homicide, Homicide by Intoxicated Use of a Vehicle, and Neglecting a Child -Consequence is Death.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

The child lived with his pregnant mother and father.

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:

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:

In 2005 the mother and her then 2-year-old child received Ongoing Services from Oneida County Dept. of Social Services. Please see the following section for more information.

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 2005, the agency received and screened in a report alleging neglect to the 2-year-old child by his mother. Maltreatment was substantiated, the child was determined unsafe, removed from his mother's care, placed with relatives and later moved to a foster home. The permanency goal was reunification until 2007, when it was changed to adoption. The child was adopted in 2008.

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 substantiated neglect to the deceased child by his mother. The mother is incarcerated and criminally charged with the child's death. Unborn child abuse was unsubstantiated. The agency is assisting the alleged father of the unborn child to obtain custody of the baby. Both the mother and father were offered but declined further services from the agency.

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 and investigated the report of the child's death. The initial assessment was completed in collaboration with law enforcement. Neglect to the deceased child by his mother was substantiated, and unborn child abuse was unsubstantiated. Services were offered to both parents but were declined.

***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.