

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

Case Tracking Number: 101230DSP-PN-71 Agency: Winnebago County Dept. of Human Services

Child Information: Age: 2 months Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: Biracial
Special needs: None

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

Date of Incident: 12/30/10

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

The child was taken to the hospital emergency room with swelling to his penis. The medical examination revealed an abrasion on his penis, significant bruising on both legs from hip to ankle, fractured bones in both legs and petechia in both eyes. The parents reported that the child bruises easily and that the child saw a chiropractor the previous day. Medical opinion is that the injuries were caused by nonaccidental trauma, highly suspicious for physical abuse.

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency substantiated physical abuse to the baby by his father, and he was determined unsafe in his parents' care. The father confessed that he has been hurting the child on a daily basis since the child was 3-4 weeks old. During the investigation, he admitted that he pinched, punched, bit, squeezed, tossed and mistreated the child in various other ways. The father described having anxiety and frustration when changing the child's diaper, and feeling out of control when he could not get the baby to stop crying. He admitted that the abuse occurred when his wife was not around. The father has been charged with four counts of Child Abuse - Recklessly Causes Bodily Harm.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

The child lived with his mother and father prior to this 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:

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:

None

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:

None

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 investigated the allegation of injuries to the child, substantiating physical abuse to the child by his father. The child was determined unsafe in his parents' care. He was placed with relatives and his mother in the relatives' home. Initially, supervision of both the mother and father with the child was required. Now the child has daily contact with his mother and weekly supervised contact with his father. The parents have cooperated with the agency and the father is receiving services to help him with his issues that are impacting his parenting. The case is open for Ongoing Services, and the parents and relatives are receiving assistance 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 maltreatment to the infant, substantiating physical abuse by the father. The baby was determined unsafe in his parents' care, and the agency implemented a Protective Plan, placing the child with relatives who supervise the parents contact with the child. The agency has assisted the parents with obtaining needed services for their family. The case remains open for Ongoing Services case management.

***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.