

90-Day 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: 120714DSP-Racin-223 **Agency:** Racine County Human Services Department

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 5 years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 7/14/12

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

On 7/17/12, the agency received a report alleging a five-year-old child had been physically abused during a visit with her father. The child primarily lives with her mother in another state and was visiting her father for the summer at the time of the incident. It was reported that the abuse occurred between 6/2/12 and 7/14/12 while the father, his girlfriend, and the child were staying at the girlfriend's parents' vacation home. The child disclosed she had been hit in the face and on her buttocks by her father's girlfriend, resulting in bruises. The girlfriend also poked the child several times in the back of the leg with her fingernails. The child had a crescent moon shaped mark on the back of her leg that is consistent with the shape of a fingernail. The child also stated that the father's girlfriend used the belt from her bathrobe to tie the child's hands behind her back and would then strap her to the bed. The child described straps used on cars and boats that have a buckle to make the straps tighter by repeatedly pumping it as what was used to strap her to the bed. She also indicated that she would be packed in blankets and would have soap placed in her mouth while strapped to the bed. The child stated that her father would put the soap in her mouth and his girlfriend would use her finger to push the soap into her throat. The child stated this all occurred because she would not take a nap. The child also indicated that her father watched these things occurring and would do nothing to stop it. Law enforcement was contacted to investigate the allegations. No criminal charges were filed in this case.

Findings by agency, including maltreatment determination and material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency screened in and collaborated with law enforcement to assess the allegation of physical abuse to the child. The agency substantiated physical abuse to the child by the father's girlfriend and substantiated neglect to the child by her father. The child made credible and persuasive statements regarding the maltreatment. Based on her age, the agency determined that she would not have the developmental capability to create a false allegation of maltreatment to the extent that she disclosed during her interview. The child returned to the care of her mother and a referral was made to the state in which they reside to assist the mother with obtaining services for the child.

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):

The child primarily lived with her mother in another state. The child had visits every other weekend with her father and at the time of the incident was visiting him for the summer.

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:

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: (Does not include the current incident.)

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. (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.)

None

Summary of any investigation involving the child, any member of the child's family and alleged maltreater conducted under ch. 48 or ch. 938 and any services provided to the child and child's family since the date of the incident:

The agency screened in and assessed the allegation of physical abuse to the child. The agency ultimately substantiated physical abuse to the child by the father's girlfriend and neglect to the child by the father. The father's girlfriend has a 13-year-old child who was living with the maternal grandparents at the time of the incident. The agency did not substantiate abuse or neglect to the 13-year-old and he was determined safe. The child returned to the care of her mother and a referral was made to the state in which they live. A worker met with the mother and is assisting her in obtaining services for the child.

B. Children residing 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protective plan implemented | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Temporary physical custody of child | <input type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with medical professionals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services) | <input type="checkbox"/> Supervised visitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement into foster home | <input type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement with relatives | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case closed by agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing Services case management | <input type="checkbox"/> Initiated efforts to address or enhance community collaboration on CA/N cases |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): |

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Summary of policy or practice changes to address issues identified during the review of the incident:

Under the Child Welfare Disclosure Act (Section 48.981(7)(cr), Stats.), the DSP completes a 90-day review of the agency's practice in each case reported under the Act. The DSP did not identify practice issues during the review of the incident.

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

None

Yes No Not Applicable This 90-day summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) review of this case.

If the case review was not completed within 90 days, the DSP will complete and submit the final summary report within 6 months.

The agency must submit an electronic copy of the completed 90-Day Summary Report to Tara.Muender@wisconsin.gov