

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: 120727DSP-Grant-226 **Agency:** Grant County Department of Social Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 8 years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 7/27/12

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

On 7/27/12, the agency received a report regarding the death of an 8-year-old child. The child and his 10-year-old cousin were playing with a gun in a shed/shop that the family uses for a recreation room. The child's 11-year-old brother came into the shop and took the gun away from the boys. The 11-year-old initially reported that he unloaded the gun and put it away. The 8-year-old and 10-year-old got the gun back and reloaded it. The 8-year-old child was shot in the head and was killed. Law enforcement responded to the home to investigate the child's death. The investigation determined that the 11-year-old brother fired the gunshot that killed the child. The 11-year-old told law enforcement that he believed the gun's safety was on when he pulled the trigger and did not intend to shoot his brother. The District Attorney chose not to file charges in this matter.

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 neglect to the child. The agency unsubstantiated neglect by the child's mother and substantiated neglect by the mother's boyfriend. The agency determined that the mother's boyfriend owned the gun and was aware it was in the shop, along with the ammunition. The mother's boyfriend told the children not to touch the gun; however, did not take any steps to secure the gun or ammunition despite the presence of a gun cabinet available inside the home. The mother was aware that her boyfriend had guns locked in the gun cabinet inside the home, but was not aware of the gun kept in the shop. The mother and her children had moved into the home less than a month prior to the child's death. The mother directed her boyfriend to remove all firearms from the home after the child's death. The remaining children were determined safe in the home.

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 lived with his mother, his mother's boyfriend, and his 10-year-old sister. The child's 11-year-old brother lived with his maternal grandfather, but had regular visits in the home.

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 completed an assessment and substantiated neglect by the mother's boyfriend. The remaining children were determined safe. The family is receiving case management services and will be receiving parent support services from the agency. The family has also accessed community support services.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services |
| <input 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 |
| | <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