Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 104137212

County of Child's Residence: UVALDE

Gender: Female

Age: 1 Year(s) 9 Month(s)

Date of Death: 08/29/2022

On the date of the fatality, the child was not in DFPS conservatorship and was living with the child's parent, a managing conservator, a legal guardian or other person entititled to the child's possession.

Child's Name: Flores,Adalynn C

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 08/29/22

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report after the deceased child was found deceased in the pool.

The Department's investigation revealed the deceased child was found in an above ground swimming pool unsupervised and later pronounced deceased. Mother and the children arrived at the home. The deceased child was in a room by herself and mother did not check on her for an hour. The backdoor of the room the deceased child was in connected to the garage and then outside. Mother knew the backdoor did not close properly and could easily be opened. The deceased child was known to climb and no precautions were taken to remove the ladder from the swimming pool, ensure she was supervised, or ensure the door was secured. Video surveillance from the home showed the deceased child unsupervised outside for over an hour.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed the mother of the deceased child committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child which led to her death.

Law Enforcement planned to present the case to the grand jury for prosecution for injury to a child.

An autopsy was not ordered.

08/31/2022 Safety - Initial Safe
09/30/2022 Risk High

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Close

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Counseling and Evaluation,Parent/Caregiver Training

Other Services:

Drug testing, Worker Role Modeling

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

None

If one or more children were previously removed from the home, for each conservatorship episode, summarize dates of conservatorship and type of placement at the end of conservatorship:

Not applicable

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 02/09/03

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received notification after the family's vehicle was pulled over by law enforcement and marijuana was smelled coming from the vehicle. Two marijuana roaches were found in the ashtray. The deceased child's oldest sibling was one month old at the time and in the vehicle.

The Department's investigation revealed mother reported not smoking, but did roll the marijuana cigarettes. She knew father of the sibling would smoke with friends. Father did not comply with an interview. Mother agreed she would no longer allow the marijuana use to occur.

Investigation Findings:

The department confirmed the mother and father committed neglectful supervision of the sibling. Mother and father were arrested for possession of marijuana and child endangerment. When father arrived at the jail, a bag of marijuana was found in his pants.

Child Vulnerability--Somewhat
Caregiver Capability--Very Little
Quality of Care--Very Little
Maltreatment Pattern--None
Home Environment--Very Little
Social Environment--None
Response to Intervention--None

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Close

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

None

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

None

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 01/06/10

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received an intake after the deceased child's oldest sibling reported the family was living out of their car. There was a concern due to the freezing weather forecast. The sibling had MRSA boils. Mother was advised not to have synthetic nails around the boils, but was observed with them. Community resources were provided to the family, but mother had not followed through.

Investigation Findings:

The Department administratively closed regarding the allegations of neglectful supervision of the sibling by mother. Mother and the sibling were residing with the maternal grandfather. There were no signs of abuse.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Other

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

None

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

None

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 02/23/11

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received an intake due to concerns the deceased child's oldest sibling reported her father touched her inappropriately twice. The sibling was self-harming by pulling her hair out on both sides of her head for the last 5 months. Mother reported the hair pulling began when she had lice but the lice were gone. Mother was homeless and the sibling was upset she could not live with her. Mother spoke to father about the abuse. He told paternal grandmother who then begged mother not to report it.

The Department's investigation revealed mother was diagnosed with a mental health disorder. She had a habit of leaving the sibling with various family members for long periods. A maternal aunt reported she had cared for the sibling off and on for years. There was information the sibling began doing "nasty things" to the children in the home while in the care of the maternal aunt; thus, she took her to her father. Mother got upset and took her to paternal aunt. Mother admitted using marijuana two days prior to her interview. She agreed to place the sibling with maternal grandfather and accept services through Family Based Safety Services. Father denied the allegations but would not do a polygraph. Charges were filed with the District Attorney for Indecency with a Child.
The sibling gave a credible outcry of sexual abuse by her father during a forensic interview. Criminal charges were filed on him. Mother was not protective. The sibling told mother about the abuse and mother did not report this. She continued to allow the sibling contact with father. Mother did not maintain a stable environment and admitted to using drugs.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed the mother committed neglectful supervision of the sibling by mother. The Department confirmed the father committed sexual abuse of the sibling.

Child Vulnerability--None
Caregiver Capability--Considerable
Quality of Care--Considerable
Maltreatment Pattern--Considerable
Home and Social Environment--Considerable
Response to Intervention--None
Protective Capacities--Considerable

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Removal/Subcare

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Counseling and Evaluation

Other Services:

The Department was granted Permenant Managing Conservatorhsip of the sibling. Mother particiated in some services but was unable to complete her plan of service due to her mental health issues.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

A safety plan was implemented in which the paternal aunt would not allow father contact. A family team meeting was held. At that meeting, mother was advised the Department would seek custody. She was going to be allowed supervised visitation at the Department upon a negative drug test. A parental child safety placement was signed. At closure, Mother relinquished her rights. Father's rights were terminated involuntarily.

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 04/04/21

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received an intake with allegations mother was using marijuana that was not prescribed to her to calm her nerves. The intake indicated she suffered from mental health diagnosis and had episodes of road rage where she would drive too fast. In addition she would turn her back on the deceased child when she would cry.

The Department's investigation revealed when mother would drop the deceased child's sibling off she would be heard cursing at him. Mother reported the deceased child's father would care for her most of the time. Mother admitted to road rage; however, not when the children were in the vehicle. She did admit to cursing at them. She declined a drug test or signing a medical release, but was wiling to provide us with medical records. The deceased child was noted to have a learning disability but had not been diagnosed. Mother admitted to a history of marijuana and Xanax. She reported using marijuana over a month ago while the children were not in her care. Father of the deceased child was on probation for injury to a child regarding his son. He admitted to a history of methamphetamine use. He was caring for the deceased child 2-3 times week at night. A family collateral reported mother would get stressed, yell, and cry. Father of the deceased child's younger sibling would spend time in the home to help with his son. He was aware of the road rage, cursing, and mother's mental health. Mother eventually signed the release. It was discovered she would have thoughts/threats of self-harm. She admitted to trying cocaine and methamphetamine. Her hair follicle showed positive for marijuana.

Investigation Findings:

The Department did not confirm the mother committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child and her sibling. Mother admitted to using marijuana a month prior while away from the children. Risk was identified; thus, the case was sent to Family Based Safety Services.

04/26/2021 Safety - Initial Safe
06/11/2021 Safety - Reassessment Safe with plan
04/27/2021 Risk High

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Family Preservation

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Counseling and Evaluation,Parent/Caregiver Training

Other Services:

Developmental Evaluation, Random Drug Testing

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

None

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 09/24/21

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report noting the deceased child's clothes smelled of marijuana.

The Department's investigation revealed mother cooked and used marijuana per the reporter. The children were seen with no concerns noted. The family was engaged with Family Based Safety Services at the time and the caseworker reported no concerns. Collaterals reported no concerns. Mother admitted to marijuana use away from the home.

09/28/2021 Safety - Initial Safe with plan
10/08/2021 Safety - Case Closure Safe
10/08/2021 Risk High

Investigation Findings:

The Department did not confirm the mother committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child. Mother was negative on a drug test. She was engaged in substance abuse counseling and individual counseling. Her drug tests for Family Based Safety Services had been negative.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Family Preservation

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Counseling and Evaluation

Other Services:

None

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

None

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 01/24/22

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report with concerns the deceased child's step-father was a sex offender.

The Department's investigation revealed the deceased child's step-father had a daughter who had been sexually abused by a cousin. He denied being a sex offender.

Investigation Findings:

The Department did not confirm sexual abuse of the deceased child and her sibling by the deceased child's step-father.

01/26/2022 Safety - Initial Safe
03/18/2022 Safety - Case Closure Safe
03/18/2022 Risk High

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Close

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Counseling and Evaluation,Parent/Caregiver Training

Other Services:

None

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

None

Other Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s):

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

Investigation Findings:

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

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