Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 107270025

County of Child's Residence: NUECES

Gender: Male

Age: 0 Year(s) 2 Month(s)

Date of Death: 03/22/2022

On the date of the fatality, the child was in DFPS conservatorship. At that time, the child was residing in a Hospital.

Child's Name: Reyes Rodrigue,Azriel

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 03/19/2022

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report alleging the deceased child's father contacted emergency assistance due to the deceased child being unresponsive and lethargic. The father had been feeding the deceased child when the deceased child started to choke. The deceased child was transported to a hospital for treatment.

During the investigation, the Department learned that the deceased child was found to have subdural hemorrhage in the brain and multiple healing rib fractures. The doctor determined the injuries to be highly suggestive and specific to non-accidental trauma. The injuries were sustained over a period of time. The child succumbed to his injuries on 03/22/22. He was found to have two brain bleeds. The father admitted to spinning the child by the arms, losing control and observed the child hit the wall. Father did not seek medical attention. The father also admitted to violently shaking the deceased child to wake the deceased child.

The Medical Examiner completed an autopsy on 03/28/22. The deceased child's brain was found to be swollen and brain bleeds were observed. A cause of death could not be given until lab reports were returned. The final autopsy report has not been received.

Father of the deceased child was charged with 2nd degree felony Injury to a Child.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed the allegation of Medical Neglect of the deceased child by both parents. They had failed to obtain medical treatment despite the child being observed crying excessively the week of his death. The father was asked to take the child to a doctor but refused. The morning of the child's death, he had a temperature of 90 degrees but the parent's only took him in their vehicle to put the heater on him so he could warm up. The father admitted to spinning the child by the arms, losing control and observed the child hit the wall. He didn't immediately obtain medical treatment for the child. The child was found to have fresh and healing brain injuries and healing rib fractures, for which such injuries are highly suggestive and specific to non-accidental trauma.

The Department confirmed the allegation of Neglectful Supervision of the deceased child by his mother. She was aware the father had a history of mental health issues and limited parenting skills. The mother failed to obtain a reasonable caregiver while she worked full time and double shifts.

The Department confirmed the allegation of Physical Abuse of the deceased child by his parents. The child relied on his parents to protect him but they failed to do so. The child sustained serious injuries from his father and his mother didn't make reasonable efforts to prevent his death.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 03/20/2022: Safety Assessment - Initial: Unsafe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Risk Assessment not required by Policy.

Case Action:

Close - Kinship Investigation

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Counseling and Evaluation

Other Services:

Legal services were granted for the removal of the deceased child but he died before the hearing could be held. The deceased child's mother was provided community resources for parenting classes.

No Service Referrals and deceased child was an only child.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

The deceased child's father was arrested for the child's death.

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:

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:

Note: This report was prepared on 03/03/2023 and does not include corrections or updates, if any, that may be subsequently made to DFPS data on or after the date this report was prepared.