Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 107868663

County of Child's Residence: TARRANT

Gender: Female

Age: 2 Year(s) 8 Month(s)

Date of Death: 05/21/2022

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: Polley,Autumn R

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 05/21/22, 05/21/22

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report of a fatality event where the two year old deceased child was transported to the hospital after being found unresponsive in a swimming pool. The deceased child was pronounced deceased at the hospital. A second report was received by the Department with concerns the deceased child's mother was looking at her phone and was not watching or paying attention to the deceased child or the deceased child's sibling around the swimming pool. It was further reported that the deceased child's uncle, along with other family members, arrived at the home and found the deceased child submerged in the swimming pool, and that the mother and the sibling were inside the family's home at the time and the mother was not aware the deceased child was missing.

The Department's investigation determined the deceased child's mother was the only caregiver for the deceased child on the day the deceased child was found unresponsive in a swimming pool and drowned. The deceased child's mother and sibling reported the mother was aware the children had been going outside and were unsupervised around the ungated pool. The mother did not lock the door to ensure the deceased child did not go back outside. According to law enforcement, the mother went into her room and saw the deceased child playing outside. The mother talked to the deceased child through the window and told the deceased child not to go around the pool. The deceased child's mother was on her phone in her room while the deceased child was outside. The mother reported last seeing the deceased child around 5 p.m., and the family members report arriving back to the home around 5:30.

It was further determined during the investigation that the family member who arrived home found the backdoor open and the deceased child's mother in her room with headphones on.
The medical examiner completed an autopsy and the results were pending at the time the Department's investigation closed.

Law enforcement investigation was pending at the time the Department's investigation was closed. No charges were filed or arrest made during the Department's investigation.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:
Safety Assessments:
1.) 06/02/2022: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe with plan
2.) 07/29/2022: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe with plan

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Very High

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed that the deceased child's mother committed Neglectful Supervision of the deceased child, which led to her death. The deceased child's mother did not provide a reasonable level of supervision of the child in the home or around the swimming pool, which resulted in the child's drowning.

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:

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

The family was referred to Family Based Safety Services to further mitigate safety and risks factors and the family agreed to the services.

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.