Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 107897473

County of Child's Residence: BEXAR

Gender: Female

Age: 3 Year(s) 2 Month(s)

Date of Death: 05/14/2022

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: Garza,Jocelyn

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 05/25/22

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received an intake after the three year-old deceased child was found unresponsive in a pond.

The Department's investigation revealed the family arrived at the park on 05/21/22 around 5:30 PM for paternal grandmother's surprise birthday party. The deceased child resided with her father, mother, and 16 year-old sibling. At the park, there was a "bouncy house" set up near the building where the party was being held. Adjacent to the building, there was an unsecured pond. Nothing surrounded the pond to keep people out. There were no signs that indicated how deep the pond was. Adults were in the pavilion while children played in the bounce house. Mother checked on the deceased child and then delegated the task to the deceased child's older sibling. The parents were busy with other activities and were not checking on the deceased child or ensuring the older siblings were checking on her. The older sibling discovered the deceased child was not in the bounce house and the family began looking for her.

Around 6:15 PM, the deceased child was observed by a cousin face down in the middle of the pond. The older sibling jumped in the pond to retrieve the deceased child and pulled her ashore with other family. The pond was 25 feet deep. Two family members who are nurses attempted cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The deceased child remained unconscious and was not breathing. Emergency medical services arrived after 10 minutes and continued

life saving measures on the way to the hospital. The deceased child was pronounced deceased at the hospital.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed the mother and father committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child which led to the child's death. The deceased child was left unattended. The party was held near an unsecured pond. The deceased child was left to play in a bounce house close to the pond. The deceased child was not checked on frequently and as a result, was found in the pond unresponsive.

05/30/2022 Safety - Initial Safe
09/15/2022 Safety - Case Closure Safe
09/12/2022 Risk Low

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Close

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

Counseling

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.

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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