Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 107942090

County of Child's Residence: JASPER

Gender: Male

Age: 1 Year(s) 8 Month(s)

Date of Death: 05/31/2022

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: Younger,Dawsyn

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 05/31/2022

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report after the deceased child was found unresponsive at the family's home. The deceased child climbed on the stove and the stove fell on top of the deceased child. First responders performed life saving measures and the deceased child was transported to the hospital where the child died.

The Department's investigation determined the deceased child and his three year old sibling were being cared for by the deceased child's mother. The mother had worked all night, then returned home to care for the children when the deceased child's father left for work. Knowing the children were playing in the kitchen/living area, the mother took a bath and believes she fell asleep in the tub for 30 to 50 minutes. The sibling woke up the mother to tell her the deceased child was on the floor. The mother dressed and found the child on the floor underneath the stove. Emergency Services were called, emergency medical personnel conducted life saving measures and the child was transported by ambulance to a local hospital. The child died enroute to the hospital.

The medical examiner conducted an autopsy, but the final cause and manner of death were not available when the Department's case closed. The medical examiner's decision is pending toxicology, medical records, histology, and microbiology.

Law Enforcement investigated and did not file charges.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed allegations the deceased child's mother neglectfully supervised the deceased child, which lead to the child's death. The one-year-old deceased child and his three-year-old sibling were allowed to play in the home out of the mother's sight while she took a thirty minute bath. During this time the deceased child climbed onto the stove door and fell with stove on top of him. The mother was aware the deceased child often climbed on the stove door. The Department's investigator tested the stove's stability by pushing on the stove in several places, and discovered it took minimal effort for the stove to fall over. No precautions were put into place to secure the oven.

The Department also determined that the mother was resposible for the neglectful supervision of the deceased child's sibling. The mother left her younger children unsupervised for at least 30 minutes without safety precautions.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 06/01/2022: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe
2.) 06/24/2022: Safety Assessment - Case Closure: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Moderate

Case Action:

Close

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Counseling and Evaluation,Parent/Caregiver Training

Other Services:

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

The parent's have child proofed the home to ensure the safety of the surviving sibling.
The parent's plan for the surviving sibling to go to a child care home when the mother returns to work

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:

NA

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.