Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 108284542

County of Child's Residence: MCLENNAN

Gender: Male

Age: 3 Year(s) 6 Month(s)

Date of Death: 07/16/2022

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: Waits,Raye'Lon

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 07/17/2022

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report that law enforcement responded to a community pool. The deceased child and the deceased child's siblings had been visiting their maternal aunt and were to return home the following day. The children wanted to go to the pool. At some point the deceased child was found in the bottom of the pool unresponsive. Life saving efforts were started and the deceased child was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

The Department's investigation determined that the deceased child's aunt and uncle both were caregivers for the deceased child. At some point the deceased was able to take off floaties and get into the adult pool and drowned.

The Medical Examiner completed an autopsy and determined the manner of death to be accidental and the cause of death to be asphyxiation (drowning).

A law enforcement investigation remains active and ongoing at case closure.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed allegations that the deceased child's aunt and uncle committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child, which led to the child's death. The deceased child's aunt and uncle were caregivers at the time when the child took off floaties and drowned in the pool.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:
07/17/2022: Structured Decision Making Safety Assessment - Initial Safe
09/09/2022: Structured Decision Making Safety Assessment - Case Closure - Safe
Structured Decision Making Risk Assessment Final Level: High

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Close

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Counseling and Evaluation

Other Services:

grief counseling through advocacy center

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

Not applicable

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:

Other Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 01/04/2020

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report regarding medical neglect of deceased child's cousin by the deceased child's uncle. There were concerns the child had multiple cavities and rotten teeth.

Investigation Findings:

This was an alternative response case which has no findings. The case was closed without services. There was no information to substantiate medical neglect of the child by the uncle

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Risk Assessment: Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:
02/19/2020: Structured Decision Making Safety Assessment - Initial Safe
03/03/2020: Structured Decision Making Safety Assessment - Case Closure - Safe
Structured Decision Making Risk Assessment Final Level: Moderate

Case Action:

This was an alternative response case which has no findings. Case closed with no danger indicators

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Not applicable

Other Services:

Not applicable

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

Not applicable

Other Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 09/07/2017

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report that the deceased child's aunt left the deceased child's cousin home alone while she went to work.

The Department determined the deceased child's aunt left the deceased child's cousin home alone while she went to work for an unknown amount of time. During the investigation the aunt indicated she had prior marijuana use but tested negative on drug tests. The deceased child's cousin was sent to stay with his grandmother until the deceased child's aunt could become stable.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed allegations of neglectful supervision of the deceased child's cousin by the deceased child's aunt. The aunt was leaving child home alone while she went to work.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Risk Assessment: Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:
09/07/2017: Structured Decision Making Safety Assessment - Initial Safe With Plan
10/23/2017: Structured Decision Making Safety Assessment - Case Closure - Safe
Structured Decision Making Risk Assessment Final Level: Moderate

Case Action:

Case closed without services

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Not applicable

Other Services:

Not Applicable

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

Deceased child's cousin went to live with a grandparent.

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.