Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 109186701

County of Child's Residence: BELL

Gender: Female

Age: 0 Year(s) 8 Month(s)

Date of Death: 10/06/2022

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: Bogan,Kaizley

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 10/27/2022

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report notifying that an 8-month-old had been found deceased while in the care of the deceased child's maternal grandmother. The deceased child's mother arrived home from work to find the maternal grandmother unconscious with the deceased child under her body. The maternal grandmother had a history of abuse of prescription medication. The maternal grandmother was transported to the hospital due to her not being able to maintain consciousness.

The Department determined that the maternal grandmother was under the influence of Tramadol and gabapentin and that this led to her being severely impaired while caring for the deceased child and the deceased child's sibling. She was observed by multiple law enforcement personnel to be unable to remain alert and unsteady on her feet. She tested positive at the hospital for Tramadol and gabapentin and was unable to account for a significant number of pills missing from her prescription. The Department also determined that the deceased child's mother was aware of the maternal grandmother's history of abuse of prescription pills that had led to the grandmother being impaired in the past. Despite this knowledge, the mother allowed the maternal grandmother to be the primary caregiver for the children.

The Medical Examiner completed an autopsy and determined the cause of death to be mechanical asphyxia

combined with smothering and the manner of death as accident.

A law enforcement investigation is still pending at time of case closure.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed the allegation that the maternal grandmother committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child, which led to the child's death. The deceased child's grandmother was observed to be impaired, unable to remain alert, and tested positive at the hospital for Tramadol and gabapentin. The deceased child's grandmother was unable to account for all of her prescription pills. The grandmother was the sole caregiver for the deceased child at the time of death.

The Department confirmed the allegation that the maternal grandmother committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child's sibling. The deceased child's grandmother was observed to be impaired, unable to remain alert, and tested positive at the hospital for Tramadol and gabapentin. The deceased child's grandmother was unable to account for all of her prescription pills. The grandmother was the sole caregiver for the deceased child's sibling while she was impaired.

The Department confirmed the allegations that the deceased child's mother committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child and the deceased child's sibling. The deceased child's mother was aware of the maternal grandmother's history of substance abuse and allowed the grandmother to be the sole caregiver for the children.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:
1) 10/28/2022: Safety assessment - Initial: Safe
2) 12/14/2022: Safety assessment - Reassessment: Safe
3) 01/23/2023: Safety assessment - Case Closure: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Very High

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Close

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Counseling and Evaluation

Other Services:

The family was offered grief counseling services through the community and accepted the services.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

The deceased child's mother received grief counseling services. The deceased child's mother asked the maternal grandmother to move from the residence immediately following the fatality and no longer utilizes the grandmother as a caregiver.

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:

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 07/06/2010

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report notifying that a 2-year-old child had been found unsupervised on the street. The deceased child's maternal grandmother was the caregiver of the 2-year-old child. This child had been unsupervised outside before.

The Department determined that it was not an isolated incident for the child to be unsupervised outside. The deceased child's grandmother installed child safety devices to keep the child from leaving the home.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed the allegation that the maternal grandmother committed neglectful supervision of the child. This child had been unsupervised outside of the home before while in the care of the grandmother and the grandmother did not make efforts to prevent a reoccurrence.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:
1) 07/12/2010: Safety assessment: Conditionally Safe/Safety Plan Completed

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Risk Indicated

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Family Preservation

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Day Care,Counseling and Evaluation,Parent/Caregiver Training

Other Services:

The Department offered services through Family Based Safety Services and the family accepted.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

The family completed services with Family Based Safety Services.

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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