Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 90243864

County of Child's Residence: CASS

Gender: Female

Age: 5 Year(s) 9 Month(s)

Date of Death: 07/29/2022

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: Robinson-Olive,Temari L

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 07/30/2022

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report after the deceased child and two siblings were found dead in a pond near their residence. The children had been reported missing. Law enforcement and others were searching for the children when they were found in the pond.

The Department's investigation determined the deceased child and five siblings were left in the care of a family member of the deceased child when the mother of the deceased child went to work. The child suffered physical injuries and died while in the care of the family member. The mother was aware of the family member's history of substance abuse and violence behavior but continued to use the family member as a babysitter when she was working.

The medical examiner conducted an autopsy, but the final cause and matter of death was not available when the Department's investigation closed. The preliminary findings indicate the cause of death will be homicide violence including drowning and the manner of death will be homicide.

Law enforcement is continuing their investigation, but no charges had been filed when the Department's investigation closed.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed allegations the deceased child's family member committed physical abuse of the deceased child which led to the child's death. The autopsy showed the child had significant injuries and was drowned.

The Department confirmed allegations the deceased child's family member committed sexual abuse of the deceased child. The autopsy showed the child had injuries to her vagina.

The Department confirmed allegations the deceased child's family member committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child. The family member was the only caregiver for the child when she was reported missing.

The Department confirmed allegations the deceased child's mother committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child. The mother was aware of the family member's criminal background which included possession of an illegal substance and other crimes. She was also aware of the family member's incarceration, but allowed the family member to babysit her six children regularly.

The Department did not confirm allegations the deceased child's mother committed physical neglect of the deceased child. The family relocated to a different location as their home was considered a crime scene. The Department was unable to access the family's home for safety.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 07/31/2022: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe
2.) 07/31/2022: Safety Assessment - Reassessment: Safe with plan
3.) 10/03/2022: Safety Assessment - Reassessment: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: High

Case Action:

Family Preservation

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

The court ordered the mother to participate in the Family Preservation stage and the mother agreed to follow the orders.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

The mother and surviving siblings moved in with the deceased child's maternal grandfather. The mother is not allowing any contact with the family member.

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:

05/10/2017 - 05/11/2017 (3 siblings) - case was non-suited - ending placement with mother
05/10/2017 - 11/03/2017 (1 sibling) - ending placement with mother
05/26/2017 - 11/03/2017 (3 siblings) - ending placement with mother

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 01/26/2015

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report the deceased child was admitted to the hospital for abscess on right buttocks which required surgery. The child had a fever of 103 F, several other abscesses on the buttocks and a urinary tract infection. Several days before the report was made, the deceased child's mother had been given a prescription for antibiotic to treat the child's abscesses. The mother did not fill the prescription. It is unknown if the the family's living conditions are clean and safe.

The Department's investigation determined the child received treatment for the abscesses at another hospital a few days earlier and was released. When the abscesses did not heal the mother sought treatment at a different medical facility. The child had surgery and was released to go home. A Home Health Service followed up with the family and expressed no concerns. The Department's investigator observed the home to be clean and safe for the child.

Investigation Findings:

The Department did not confirm allegations the deceased child's mother committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child. The mother had the child's abscess treated, but the wound was not healing. So, the mother sought additional treatment for the child. The child received the needed surgery and was released to go home.

The Department did not confirm allegations the deceased child's mother committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child. The Department's investigator observed the home to a clean/safe/stable residence with having age-appropriate food, serviceable utilities, access to medical care, and clean clothing/bedding.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 11/22/2016: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: High

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

The mother agreed to complete a drug test and was negative for all substances.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

Home Health Services were provided while the child healed.

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 05/10/2017

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report the deceased child was admitted to the hospital for failure to thrive. She was not gaining weight and at 6 months old weighed 10.13 pounds.

The Department's investigation determined the deceased child's mother did not follow-up with doctor's appointments after an appointment in February was concerning the child spitting up her formula. Upon admittance to the hospital, it was shown with supervision and adequate feeding the child gained weight.

Investigation Findings:

The Department did confirm allegations the deceased child's mother committed neglectful supervision and physical neglect of the deceased child. The child continued to gain weight while in the hospital and in foster care.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 05/10/2017: Safety Assessment - Initial: Unsafe
2.) 05/15/2017: Safety Assessment - Reassessment: Safe
3.) 05/23/2017: Safety Assessment - Reassessment: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: High

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

NA

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

The department removed the deceased child and placed her in a foster home. The mother participated in counseling and parenting classes.

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 12/12/2017

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report the deceased child and sibling always eats everything on their tray at school and asks for seconds. They seem hungry all the time. The children wear dirty clothes and do not appear to have warm clothes for the cold weather days.

The Department's investigation determined the family's home has working utilities and plenty of food. The children have warm clothes to wear.

Investigation Findings:

The Department did not confirm allegations the deceased child's mother committed physical neglect of the deceased child. No safety concerns found during a home visit and the mother is meeting the needs of the child.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 12/14/2017: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Risk Assessment not required by Policy.

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

none

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

There is supportive family in the area and the older children attend school.

Other Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 10/15/2018

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report the deceased child's sibling was observed at school to be filthy and smelled strongly of feces. The sibling talked about seeing her parents physically fight in her presence.

The Department' investigation determined the family's home had working utilities, food in the home and clothing for the children. All the children were observed to be clean and odor-free. It was learned the domestic violence happened in Arkansas where it is being investigated.

Investigation Findings:

The Department did not confirm the allegation of Physical Neglect of the deceased child's sibling by the deceased child's mother. The family has working utilities, ample food and clothing.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Risk Assessment: 1.) 10/19/2018: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe
2.) 12/19/2018: Safety Assessment - Case Closure: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: High

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Household items and food were offered by the Department and accepted by the mother.

Other Services:

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

The deceased child's sibling's father was arrested and for a probation revocation and remained in jail when the case closed.
There is extended family support who help with the children.

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