Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 96422042

County of Child's Residence: BROOKS

Gender: Female

Age: 4 Year(s) 2 Month(s)

Date of Death: 12/06/2022

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: Johnson,Genesis

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 12/07/2022

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department determined the deceased child was playing with her cousins in an empty lot located across the street from child's maternal grandmother's house. The deceased child's mother stated she was sitting on a bench outside of the house in the car port area and was able to see the children playing in the empty lot across the street. Mother said it was common for the children to play in the empty lot. The mother admitted to leaving the child in the empty lot while she went in the home to use the restroom without making arrangements with the other adults in the home or bringing the child in the house. Mother said she was gone for 5 minutes and that is when the truck drove onto the street, reversed, and backed up and hit the deceased child. The child's sibling said that her mother was in the kitchen with the other adults eating. The kitchen was in the back of the home and the children were not visible from there. The child's mother would visit maternal grandmother often and was aware that the street was narrow and had frequent traffic in and out due to the dead end. Maternal grandmother and neighbors voiced concerns with the speed that people drove through the street.

The Medical Examiner completed an autopsy and determined the manner of death was ruled as an accident. Law enforcement was involved and informed the Department that no charges were going to be filed.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed the allegations of neglectful supervision of the deceased child by her mother. The mother admitted to leaving the child unsupervised across the street from the home while she went inside the home. There were other adults in the home but mother did not make arrangements with them to watch her child or bring her inside with her. Therefore, she failed to remove her child from a situation requiring judgement beyond the child's maturity level. Mother was aware of the traffic in and out due to it being a dead-end road.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 12/07/2022: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe with plan
2.) 12/21/2022: Safety Assessment - Case Closure: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: High

Case Action:

Close

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Counseling and Evaluation,Parent/Caregiver Training

Other Services:

Substance abuse education resouces provided to the parents.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

Family support system was helping the deceased child's parents by visiting with them. The parents were provided community resources that they could use if for themselves or the deceased child's siblings.

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:

N/A

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 3/6/2014

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report on the deceased child's family stating that the child's mother's paramour had burned child's siblings with a hair straightener and the siblings had presented bruises and injuries caused by mother's paramour. Also mentioned on the report were concerns with the child's siblings being exposed to drugs by the child's mother and maternal grandmother. The mother was not tending to child's sibling's hygiene and children had water blisters on their hands.

During the investigation, the deceased child's mother and maternal grandmother tested negative on a drug test and both denied drug use. The home environment was found to be appropriate and no males were found living with mother and the child's siblings. There were no rash present on the siblings.

Investigation Findings:

The Department determined that the children were safe from abuse or neglect and closed the case administratively.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

No other services were provided to the family.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

There were no other action taken as the case was closed.

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 2/20/2015, 02/27/2015

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received two reports on the family that were merged into one investigation. The deceased child's siblings were reported to be around the mother and maternal grandmother while they were using cocaine, pills, marijuana and drinking beer. The mother would allow the siblings to drink beer. The mother and maternal grandmother were engaging is physical altercations in front of the siblings. The siblings had boils on their backs and younger sibling had mosquito bites on her body due to inadequate housing conditions.

During the investigation the mother and maternal grandmother submitted to a drug test and both were negative. The siblings were observed clean and free of any injuries. Collaterals voiced no concerns regarding the mother's ability to provide and care for the siblings.

Investigation Findings:

The Department did not confirm the allegations neglectful supervision and physical abuse of the siblings by their mother and maternal grandmother.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

The mother had support from maternal grandmother and the paternal grandmother to one of the siblings. Family was aware of community resources to help meet the sibling?s needs.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

Family had support from maternal and paternal grandmothers.
Family was aware of community resources to help with the care of the children.

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 9/28/2018

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report stating that mother to the deceased child had been testing postiive for marijuna during pre-natal care while pregnant with the child.

During the investigation mother and father admitted to using marijuna outside of the home while the deceased child's siblings were inside unattended. The drug test for the mother and father were negative. The mother and father accepted services through the Department to address the drug use.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed the neglectful supervision of the deceased child her siblings by the mother and the father to the deceased child. The mother and the father to child admitted to the use of marijuna. The mother admitted that she would smoke marijuana outside of the home while she left the sibling in the home unattended.

The Department did not confirm the neglectful supervision of the child's oldest sibling because the sibling was not part of the household and has always lives with relative.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 10/01/2018: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe with plan
2.) 01/02/2019: Safety Assessment - Reassessment: Safe with plan

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: High

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

The mother and deceased child's father accepted services through the Department, and they were referred to Family Bases Safety Services.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

The deceased child's mother and father agreed to participate in services through the Department in which they submitted to random drug testing and demonstrate progress by testing negative and participated in substance abuse education classes. They also participated in mental health counseling and incorporated parenting education classes. The counselor noted positive behavior changes in both. The family was also receiving other community resources to help meet the needs of the child and the siblings. The family had assistance from extended family to assist them.

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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