Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 111112361

County of Child's Residence: BEXAR

Gender: Male

Age: 0 Year(s) 7 Month(s)

Date of Death: 06/04/2023

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: Macias,Julian

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 06/28/23

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report due to the deceased child passing away on 06/4/23. However, there was no evidence of abuse/neglect being found at the time. On 06/28/23, the Department was notified the deceased child's toxicology from autopsy was positive for methamphetamine and a full investigation was conducted.

The Department's investigation determined a friend of deceased child's mother was caring for the deceased child the evening prior to his death. On the morning of 06/04/23 mother went to pick up the deceased child. She placed him in the back of her car. Mother went to drop off her friend at work. Afterwards, she went to her paramour's house. Upon arriving at her paramour's residence, she noticed the deceased child was non-responsive. She initiated life-saving measures and called emergency medical services, who also made attempts to revive him. All efforts were unsuccessful.

When law enforcement and emergency medical services made contact, neither had concerns mother was impaired. The Department was unable to interview mother, her paramour, and the caregiving friend per law enforcement request. The two other children the deceased child's mother had custody of were with a relative the day of the deceased child's death. They were subsequently removed.

The Medical Examiner completed an autopsy. The deceased child was found to have 4.2 mg of methamphetamines in his system. Cause of death was noted to be toxic effects of methamphetamine, with the manner of ingestion undetermined.

Law Enforcement conducted an investigation. Mother provided inconsistent information regarding the timeline of who was caring for the deceased child. They confirmed mother's friend's home was a known "drug house". Additionally, they confirmed this friend was a known drug user. Their investigation was still ongoing at the time of closure.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed an unknown perpetrator committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child which led to his death. The Department was unable to determine who was in possession of the deceased child when he was exposed to the methamphetamines.

The Department confirmed deceased child's mother and her friend committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child. Deceased child's mother allowed her friend to care for the deceased child despite knowing his substance abuse history. Both she and her friend were primary caregivers to the deceased child when the child was exposed to fatal amounts of methamphetamines.

The Department administratively closed the allegations of physical abuse of the deceased child by the deceased child's oldest sibling.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:
06/28/2023: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe
07/18/2023: Safety Assessment - Reassessment: Unsafe
10/27/2023: Safety Assessment - Reassessment: Unsafe
Risk Assessment: Final Risk Level: Very High

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Removal/Subcare

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Counseling and Evaluation,Parent/Caregiver Training

Other Services:

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

The Department sought and was granted Temporary Managing Conservatorship of the deceased child's two siblings. They remained in the home of their maternal great grandmother, which became their legal placement.

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:

Note: This report was prepared on 06/24/2024 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.