Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 108136427

County of Child's Residence: HARRIS

Gender: Female

Age: 1 Year(s) 7 Month(s)

Date of Death: 02/06/2024

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: White,Ayria

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 02/06/2024

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report notifying it of a fatal event after medical staff responded to a motel where the deceased child was struck by a vehicle in the parking lot. The deceased child was living with her three siblings and her mother in a local motel. The children were reportedly playing outside in the parking lot when a mini van ran over the child. The deceased child's mother was downstairs watching them before she went upstairs to get a cigarette. She came back downstairs and took the child from an unknown female. According to the mother, the child was coughing up blood. The child was transported to the nearby hospital where she was pronounced deceased. The mother mentioned that she had an open case with the Department.

The Department determined that the deceased child's mother shared a motel room with her four children, ages 5 months, 1, 2, and 5. The family was participating in services offered by Family-Based Safety Services to address concerns related to the mother's substance abuse. According to the mother, she had left the infant with a friend that lived in the motel and she had taken the other three children downstairs to play in the motel's rear parking lot. The mother was sitting on the bottom of the stairwell while her children played in the parking lot. She then walked upstairs to get a cigarette from the friend when she heard screaming and went back downstairs where she observed an unknown female holding the 1-year-old. The child had been struck by the woman's vehicle. Emergency services transported the child to a local hospital, but the child did not recover and passed away. Law enforcement obtained video footage that revealed the 5-year-old sibling running across the parking lot with another child towards a fence and then the deceased child could be seen following her before the vehicle turned into the parking lot and running over the child. In assessing the parking lot and stairwell area, the Department's staff determined that the deceased

child's mother could only see the parking lot area directly in front of her and she did not have direct view of the children playing in the parking lot as confirmed by the video footage. The mother also admitted to engaging in the use of marijuana and she was the sole caregiver to her children. The mother agreed to allow her children to be in the care of maternal relatives while she continued to participate in services offered by Family Based Safety Services.

The medical examiner completed an autopsy and the final report listed the cause of death as Blunt Force Cephalocervical Trauma with the manner of death as Accident.

Law enforcement completed an investigation and were not pursuing any charges against the driver of the vehicle involved in the fatal event or the mother.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed the deceased child's mother committed neglectful supervision of the child, which led to the child's death.

The Department confirmed the deceased child's mother committed neglectful supervision of the 2 and 5 year old siblings.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:
02/10/2024: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe with plan
03/07/2024: 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 mother agreed to continue accepting the services being provided by Family-Based Safety Services.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

The siblings were in the care of maternal relatives that were willing to supervise their contact with the mother.

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

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 05/20/2021

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report after the deceased child's mother gave birth to her second child and the newborn's meconium was positive for marijuana. The mother had tested positive for tetrahydrocannabinol during her pregnancy, but had been negative on admission to the hospital. The mother and sibling had been discharged from the hospital.

The Department determined the deceased child's mother and two oldest siblings were residing with the maternal grandparents. The mother was on probation and she admitted to smoking marijuana prior to learning that she was pregnant with her second child. She denied smoking in the presence of the siblings and would use outside of the home. The father did not reside in the home and was not a caregiver to the siblings. He had no concerns with mother's ability to care for the two siblings. The maternal grandmother was aware of the mother's use of marijuana, but she had not witnessed mother using around the siblings. The pediatrician's office confirmed that the siblings were receiving the needed medical care and had no concerns. The mother tested positive for marijuana during the investigation and agreed to participate in substance abuse services offered by a community provider. The siblings remained in the care of the mother with the maternal grandparents available to offer support as needed.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed the mother committed neglectful supervision of the newborn sibling.

Safety and Risk Factors Identified:
05/21/2021: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe with plan
06/14/2021: Safety Assessment - Reassessment: Safe
Risk Assessment -Final Risk Level: Moderate

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Close

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Counseling and Evaluation

Other Services:

The mother agreed to accept the community services offered.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

The two siblings remained safe with the mother and maternal grandparents. The relatives were willing to continue to monitor and report concerns in the future.

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 06/26/2022

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report after the deceased child tested positive for marijuana at her birth. The mother admitted to smoking marijuana during her pregnancy. The deceased child was doing well and mother was scheduled to be discharged with no complications.

The Department determined the child was residing with the mother, two older siblings, and the maternal grandmother. The mother admitted to smoking marijuana after she was released from jail. The children were seen multiple times and were observed without marks or bruises, dressed appropriately, with no concerns for their care. The mother and three children continued to reside with the maternal relatives that were available to offer the family support.

Investigation Findings:

The Department was unable to confirm if the mother committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child.

Safety and Risk Factors Identified:
06/28/2022: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe with plan
02/03/2023: Safety Assessment - Case Closure: Safe
Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Moderate

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Close

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

The mother agreed to accept the community services offered.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

The mother agreed to a safety plan being implemented with the maternal aunt supervising her contact with the three children. The mother initially agreed to accept services offered by Family-Based Safety Services, however the mother later declined the services and accepted the community resources offered to her.

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 08/23/2023

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report after the deceased child's mother and newborn sibling tested positive for marijuana at the sibling's birth. The mother admitted to using marijuana and was receiving prenatal care during her pregnancy. The mother was bonding with the sibling and was believed to have family support system. The mother and sibling were scheduled to be discharged from the hospital.

The Department determined the deceased child was residing with her mother, two older siblings, her newborn

sibling, and maternal relatives. The mother was on probation and was required to pay fines and complete drug testing. She tested positive for marijuana and was the sole caregiver to her children. The maternal grandmother and great-grandfather helped care for the children in mother's absence. The fathers were not actively involved and were not caregivers to the children. The mother expressed being stressed and depressed with being a single parent to four young children and struggling to maintain stable housing. The mother and children moved into a motel during the investigation and agreed to a safety plan being implemented to allow the maternal grandmother to be a monitor to ensure the children's safety. The mother agreed to accept the services offered by Family-Based Safety Services.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed the mother committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child and three siblings.

Safety and Risk Factors Identified:
09/08/2023: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe with plan
10/26/2023: Safety Assessment - Reassessment: Safe with plan
Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: High

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Family Preservation

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

The mother agreed to accept services provided by the Department.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

The mother agreed to a Safety Plan being implemented for the maternal grandmother to be a monitor for the mother and four children. The mother was referred to 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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