Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Residential Child Care Licensing

Person ID: 105319307

County of Child's Residence: KENDALL

Gender: Male

Age: 3 Year(s) 1 Month(s)

Date of Death: 04/06/2024

On the date of the fatality, the child was in DFPS conservatorship. At that time, the child was residing in a Child Placing Agency Foster Home or Foster Group Home.

Child's Name: Chapple,Kendrick C JR

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 9/7/2021, 10/21/2021 - two reports merged into single investigation

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report stating the deceased child was taken to the hospital with concerns for seizures. He was then found to have a displaced skull fracture with multiple fractures and subdural bleeding. The deceased child's mother denied that anything happened to the child. An additional report was received indicating that on 7/6/21, there was a domestic violence incident in the home between the mother and the mother's paramour when the paramour went to get his belongings. It was stated the paramour punched the mother in the head multiple times, pulled her hair, grabbed her by the neck two times, and strangled the mother.

The Department's investigation determined the mother had been leaving the child and his siblings, ages 5, 3, and 2, with an inappropriate minor caregiver for various amounts of time. The mother reported on one occasion she came back from taking out the trash and the child and one of his siblings were crying. The minor caregiver reported she didn't know what happened but one of the siblings said the minor caregiver had stepped on the child's head while getting in bed. It was early the following morning when the child was unresponsive and having difficulty breathing so she called emergency services. The 5-year-old sibling was forensically interviewed and stated the minor caregiver had knocked the child's head off and had stepped on the child's head however the minor caregiver denied this and ultimately, it could not be determined who caused the injuries to the child. Regarding the second report, the mother reported it involved a friend and the friend's paramour however based on the police report, the incident did involve the mother based on the children who were present. The child's treating physician stated the child sustained subdural bleeding to the right side of his brain and also had multiple high impact fractures to the right side of the head as a result of blunt force trauma.

The blunt head trauma the child received during this investigation, resulted in epilepsy (seizure disorder), spastic tetraplegic cerebral palsy (spasticity of the limbs), global developmental delay, dysphagia (difficulty swallowing) with percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (PEG) tube dependence, blindness, and laryngomalacia (weakened upper airway) with difficult to control airway secretions and chronic aspirations (inhalations of secretions into the airways). On April 6, 2024, Kendrick passed away after being on hospice care for three months.

The medical examiner completed an autopsy, and it was noted that the injury that the child sustained in September 2021 was the underlying cause of his death. The medical examiner's report indicates the child had a progressive decline in health while on hospice. The cause of death is noted to be due to the head trauma received.

Law enforcement conducted an investigation however no charges or arrests had been made at the time the Department's case closed.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed an unknown individual committed physical abuse of the deceased child and further determined that this abuse and the injuries sustained led to his death three years later.

The Department was unable to determine if the mother committed physical abuse of the deceased child.

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

The Department confirmed the mother's paramour committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child and his three older siblings.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:
09/07/2021: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe with plan
12/01/2021: Safety Assessment - Reassessment: Safe with plan
12/06/2021: Safety Assessment - Reassessment: Safe with plan
Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Very High

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 09/07/2021: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe with plan
2.) 12/01/2021: Safety Assessment - Reassessment: Safe with plan
3.) 12/06/2021: Safety Assessment - Reassessment: Safe with plan

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Very High

Case Action:

Family Preservation

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Day Care,Counseling and Evaluation,Parent/Caregiver Training

Other Services:

The mother agreed to services and referrals offered.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

A Safety Plan was initiated in which the mother would have supervised visits with the children and a parent child safety placement was initiated. The Department initially referred the case to Family-Based Safety Services however after initial assessment, the Family-Based Safety Services stage was closed as the safety issues identified could not be resolved through their services. The mother was provided services in the past regarding the same or similar concerns yet has not shown an ability or willingness to change her behavior. At the time the Department's investigation closed, the children remained in the care of the grandmother with the parent child safety placement in place and the child was receiving daily nursing care.

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 05/12/2026 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.