Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 112799187

County of Child's Residence: TARRANT

Gender: Female

Age: 1 Year(s) 5 Month(s)

Date of Death: 06/11/2025

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,Lyasia T

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 06/11/2025, 06/11/2025 - two reports merged into single investigation

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received two reports stating the deceased child's mother found the deceased child unresponsive, not breathing, and bleeding from the nose. The child was transported to the hospital where she was pronounced deceased. A urine sample was collected and a presumptive ?positive" came back for cocaine and fentanyl. Due to these concerns, the deceased child's 3-year-old sibling was transported to the hospital where his urine was collected and also had a presumptive "positive" for cocaine and fentanyl. There were drugs out in the home but it's unknown who the drugs belonged to.

The Department's investigation determined that the deceased child and her sibling resided with their mother, maternal grandmother, and maternal uncle. The mother admitted to knowing the maternal grandmother smoked crack cocaine in front of the children and the maternal uncle smoked K2 in front of them. She further admitted to using marijuana around the children and although denied using heavy drugs, she tested positive for amphetamines, cocaine, fentanyl, methamphetamines and marijuana on a hair strand drug test, and she tested positive for cocaine and marijuana on a urine drug test. The deceased child's toxicology report confirmed the child was positive for lethal levels of fentanyl and the sibling was confirmed to have tested positive for cocaine and fentanyl. The children's mother knowingly allowed them to be in a home where drugs were being used and also cared for the children under the influence. The sibling's father did not reside in the home and was not aware of the drug use. He tested positive for Cannabidiol (CBD) products on a nail test.

The medical examiner conducted an autopsy, and the Manner of Death was ruled a Homicide and Cause of Death

was determined to be Fentanyl Toxicity.

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

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed the deceased child's mother committed physical abuse of the deceased child, which led to her death.

The Department confirmed the deceased child's mother committed physical abuse of the deceased child's sibling.

The Department confirmed the deceased child's mother and maternal grandmother committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child and the deceased child's sibling.

The Department did not confirm the deceased child's sibling's father committed neglectful supervision of his son.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 06/11/2025: Safety Assessment - Initial: Unsafe
2.) 07/31/2025: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe
3.) 07/31/2025: Safety Assessment - Reassessment: Unsafe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Very High

Case Action:

Removal/Subcare

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Day Care,Counseling and Evaluation,Medical Resources/Assessment,Legal Services

Other Services:

The family agreed to accept services offered by the Department.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

The Department sought and was granted Temporary Managing Conservatorship of the deceased child's sibling. He was originally placed in a foster home but then placed via court order with his biological father.

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): 03/14/2018

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report concerning two children, ages 2 and 4, who had gone missing from their home while their biological mother was away from the home. The children's mother stated she had left them in the care of the deceased child's mother, who was 16 years old at the time, when she went to a game room at 2 am with a friend. The deceased child's mother was not a home member or related to the children or their mother.

The Department's investigation determined that the deceased child's mother was not responsible for the children's care. There were concerns found for the biological mother of the two children as she was using drugs and the two children tested positive for methamphetamines.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed the mother of the two children committed neglectful supervision and physical abuse of her two children.

The Department did not confirm the deceased child's mother committed neglectful supervision of the two children.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 03/14/2018: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe with plan

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: High

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

Services and referrals were not offered during the investigation however were offered as part of the Conservatorship case.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

The Department sought and was granted Temporary Managing Conservatorship of the two children involved in this case. They were eventually placed with a relative as PMC was granted to the Department with rights not terminated.

The Department's investigation was closed as it was opened to Conservatorship.

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 10/05/2021

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report at the birth of the deceased child's older sibling due to the deceased child's mother testing positive for marijuana during the pregnancy.

The Department's investigation determined that the child's mother smoked marijuana during her pregnancy, and the sibling's meconium was positive for marijuana. The mother agreed to designate the maternal grandmother as the responsible adult to watch and take care of the sibling when she is under the influence and to not smoke around any children. At case closure, it was noted that the mother had a strong support system and the maternal grandmother was going to help her and teach her parenting skills. It was also noted that the mother was working on completing college courses online and seeking employment to assist in providing for the sibling.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed the deceased child's mother committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child's sibling.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 10/07/2021: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe with plan
2.) 10/28/2021: Safety Assessment - Reassessment: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Moderate

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

No services or referrals were provided.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

A safety plan was initiated to ensure the sibling would be in the care of the maternal grandmother if the mother was under the influence.

The Department's investigation was closed.

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 01/01/2024, 01/10/2024 - two reports merged into single investigation

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report at the birth of the deceased child as the deceased child's mother was positive for cocaine and marijuana. The mother had limited prenatal care and stated she stopped using marijuana when she found out she was pregnant. She denied cocaine use. The deceased child's urine drug test was negative at birth however a second report was received stating that the cord and meconium tests had returned. The cord tested positive for marijuana and a metabolite for cocaine. The meconium tested positive for marijuana.

The Department's investigation determined that the mother tested positive for cocaine and marijuana through urine at the time of the deceased child's delivery. She also tested positive for very high levels of cocaine, marijuana and heroin via hair strand. The mother admitted she had used marijuana regularly, even after she found out she was pregnant.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed the deceased child's mother committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 01/02/2024: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe with plan
2.) 04/04/2024: Safety Assessment - Reassessment: Safe with plan
3.) 04/15/2024: Safety Assessment - Case Closure: Safe with plan

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: High

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

The mother agreed to accept services and referrals offered, to include working with Family-Based Safety Services.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

A safety plan was initiated which stated the mother would be supervised with the children by her cousin. This was later changed to a friend as the mother and children were residing with that friend.

The Department's investigation was closed as the Family-Based Safety Services case was opened on 04/04/2024. During this case, the mother and the children left the maternal grandmother?s residence where there was a lot of foot traffic as well as people actively using illegal substances around the children. The mother and children went to reside with the maternal grandfather and maternal step-grandmother. The mother remained sober during the case and agreed to remain in a safe environment with the grandfather and step-grandmother. The Family-Based Safety Services case was closed 10/08/2024.

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 07/19/2024

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report stating that the deceased child was observed on 06/20/2024 with what appeared to be a cigarette burn to her right thigh near her buttocks. On the same leg, another burn was seen on her ankle in the shape of a line. Pictures were taken on 06/27/24 and by this time, the burns had scabbed over. The mother never informed anyone of how the child sustained the burns. The mother was working services with Family-Based Safety Services and when the worker asked the mother about the burns, the mother said she didn?t know what happened but that she might have had the child on her lap facing down while smoking a cigarette and might have burned her that way with the burn on the ankle coming from cigarette ash.

The Department's investigation determined the mother was smoking a cigarette, and the ash fell onto the child's leg. The mother denied the child cried or appeared to be in any pain when it occurred, so she did not seek medical attention and treated it at home with ointment. When the injury was initially observed at the time of the report, it was almost completely healed and barely noticeable. There was a small, faint scar on the child's thigh that resembled the size of a cigarette tip. Based on the information gathered, it was concluded that the injury was believed to have occurred accidentally and there was no evidence that this was physical abuse.

Investigation Findings:

The Department did not confirm the mother committed physical abuse of the deceased child.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 07/19/2024: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe
2.) 09/19/2024: Safety Assessment - Reassessment: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: High

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

The family agreed to accept services and referrals offered to include continued involvement with Family-Based Safety Services.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

The Department continued to provide services through the open Family-Based Safety Services case.

The Department's investigation was closed.

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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