Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 98815813

County of Child's Residence: SMITH

Gender: Female

Age: 9 Year(s) 6 Month(s)

Date of Death: 01/04/2024

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: Medeiros,Kylie

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 1/5/2024

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report the deceased child's mother was driving under the influence of alcohol when she hit another car head on, resulting in the child's death. The mother's blood alcohol content was .350 and she also tested positive for opiates at the hospital. The mother and child were the only occupants in the vehicle.

The Department determined the deceased child's mother was found to be intoxicated while operating motor vehicle on a public roadway and causing a serious head-on collision with another vehicle. Both vehicles were traveling over 50 miles per hour. The wreck caused severe injuries to the child who was pronounced deceased at the hospital. The deceased mother's blood alcohol content was measured at .350. A witness confirmed the deceased child's mother had been drinking alcohol prior to leaving the home with her child. The wreck occurred about 1.5 hours after the deceased child's mother and deceased child left the home.

The medical examiner conducted an autopsy showing multiple blunt traumatic injuries, including dermal contusions, liver laceration, contusions of the cecum and mesentery, and subdural and abdominal hemorrhage. The final autopsy was not available at the close of the Department's investigations. The preliminary report indicates cause of death as: Multiple Blunt Traumatic Injuries and manner of death as: Accident.

Law enforcement conducted an investigation and plans to refer the case to the District Attorney's office for possible charges against the deceased child's mother. No charges or arrests had been made at the time the Department's investigation was closed.

Investigation Findings:

The deceased child's mother was confirmed to have committed neglectful supervision of the deceased child, leading to her death.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Only child died

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

No Service Referrals and deceased child was an only child.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

None

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): 03/12/2008

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

A report was received concerning the child's older half-sibling (age 10 months). The report stated the half-sibling having a seizure and was transported by ambulance to the hospital. During the examination it was found that the half-sibling had significant bleeding on the brain that appeared to be from trauma. The half-sibling was flown by helicopter to a hospital that could provide a higher level of care. The mother was unable to provide an explanation as to how the half-sibling sustained the injuries.

During the investigation it was determined that the mother's paramour was the caregiver of the half-sibling at the time of the incident. The paramour claimed he did not know what happened, but also stated multiple times that he told the mother that he was not ready to take care of a baby. The paramour also described the half-sibling as being a "cry baby" and he was unable to provide an explanation that could explain the injuries. The half-sibling was examined and determined to have both new and old injures to the brain, as well as bruising to his ears, bilateral retinal hemorrhaging, and swelling of their spine. The half-sibling was initially on life support. There was no medical explanation for the injuries other than abuse, and the seizure was a response to these injuries. The seizure would have been an indicator as to when the injuries occurred, and the caregiver at the time of the injury would likely be the person who caused the injuries. The mother was at work when the seizures began. The mother acknowledged that her paramour did tell her that he didn't want to be a caregiver to the half-sibling. The mother was also aware that the paramour had issues with anger, depression, and suicidal ideations. Law enforcement conducted an investigation and the paramour was arrested for the injuries to the half-sibling.

Investigation Findings:

The mother was confirmed to have committed neglectful supervision of the half-sibling.

The mother's paramour was confirmed to have committed physical abuse of the half-sibling.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:
Safety Assessment: Safe/No safety plan needed
Risk Assessment: Risk Indicated

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Removal/Subcare

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Counseling and Evaluation,Parent/Caregiver Training,Basic Needs Support,Medical Resources/Assessment,Housing

Other Services:

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

The department sought and was granted Temporary Managing Conservatorship of the half-sibling. Services were offered to the mother and the half-siblings father but they relinquished their parental rights and the half-sibling was adopted by an unrelated family.

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 7/7/2019, 7/8/2019 - two reports merged into a single investigation

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

Two reports were received stating that the mother was seen drinking all day outside of the home while the child was allowed to run around the neighborhood late at night. The mother wanted to fight adults and children in the neighborhood, so Law Enforcement was called but they couldn't do anything. One report also stated the mother and kicked the child out of the house, and threw a plastic cup at her, hitting her in the face. The maternal grandmother was also kicked out. The mother was stumbling in the street, cursing and screaming, and swinging a knife around, which the grandmother took away and then took the child to a neighbors home to keep her safe.

The department determined that the mother admitted to drinking but denied any physical altercations and denied doing anything that caused harm to the child. The grandmother provided information about previous incidents that happened when the mother was drinking. It was also found that the mother was working with the

local Mental Health Authority to address her mental health concerns and was compliant with her treatment plan.

Investigation Findings:

The mother was confirmed to have committed neglectful supervision of the child.

The mother was not confirmed to have committed physical abuse to the child.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:
7/8/2019: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe
8/15/2019: Safety Assessment - Case Closure: Safe
Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: High

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Close

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Counseling and Evaluation,Parent/Caregiver Training,Medical Resources/Assessment

Other Services:

The mother accepted services and referrals provided.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

A Family Team Meeting was held where goals were put into place for the family. The mother was to continue participating in Alcoholic's Anonymous and also a 12 step anger management class. The grandmother remained in the home and provide support and monitoring.

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 4/23/2020

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

A report was received stating the child (age 5) resided in an unsafe home. The house was reported to smell of ammonia, that there was animal feces in the child's box of toys, and no one could sit on the furniture because of animal urine. The mother was also said to be drinking alcohol to the point of passing out and is the child's primary caregiver.

The department determined that the mother admitted to drinking alcohol again and this recently caused a seizure. The home had a noticeable foul odor and she was directed to clean up the pet messes. The mother reported having mental health which she was taking medication for and getting treated by the local mental health authority. Drinking alcohol interacts negatively with the mother's medication and causes her to be more aggressive and have seizures. Both the child and the child's maternal grandmother confirmed that the mother was drinking again and that the mother had physically attacked the maternal grandmother.

Investigation Findings:

The mother was confirmed to have committed the neglectful supervision of the child.

The mother was not confirmed to have committed the physical neglect of the child.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:
4/25/2020: Safety Assessment - Initial: 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:

Counseling and Evaluation,Basic Needs Support

Other Services:

The mother accepted services offered.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

A safety plan was implemented in which the mother had to be supervised around the child at all times and the case was referred to Family Based Safety Services. The mother successfully completed counseling and evaluation services and was compliant with her treatment at the close of the case. The mother was working full time and had family support and tested negative for alcohol throughout the case. The maternal grandmother was living in the home and was a safety network for the family.

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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