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This report, prepared pursuant to section 20(5) of the Social Services Law (SSL), concerns:

- A report made to the New York Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment (SCR) involving the death of a child.
- The death of a child for whom child protective services has an open case.
- The death of a child whose care and custody or custody and guardianship has been transferred to an authorized agency.
- The death of a child for whom the local department of social services has an open preventive service case.

The Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) is mandated by section 20 of the SSL to investigate or cause for the investigation of the cause and circumstances surrounding the death, review such investigation, and prepare and issue a fatality report in regard to the categories of deaths noted above involving a child, except where a local or regional fatality review team issues a report, as authorized by law.

Such report must include: the cause of death; the identification of child protective or other services provided or actions taken regard to such child and child’s family; any extraordinary or pertinent information concerning the circumstances of the child’s death; whether the child or the child’s family received assistance, care or services from the social services district prior to the child’s death; any action or further investigation undertaken by OCFS or the social services district since the child’s death; and as appropriate, recommendations for local or state administrative or policy changes.

This report contains no information that would identify the deceased child, his or her siblings, the parent, parents, or other persons legally responsible for the child, and any members of the deceased child’s household.

By statute, this report will be forwarded to the social services district, chief county executive officer, chairperson of the local legislative body of the county where the child died and the social services district that had legal custody of the child, if different. Notice of the issuance of this report will be sent to the Speaker of the Assembly and the Temporary President of the Senate of the State of New York.

This report may **only** be disclosed to the public by OCFS pursuant to section 20(5) of the SSL. **It may be released by OCFS only after OCFS has determined that such disclosure is not contrary to the best interests of the deceased child’s siblings or other children in the household.**

OCFS’ review included an examination of actions taken by individual caseworkers and supervisors within the social services district and agencies under contract with the social services district. The observations and recommendations contained in this report reflect OCFS’ assessment and the performance of these agencies.



Abbreviations

Relationships		
BM-Biological Mother	SM-Subject Mother	SC-Subject Child
BF-Biological Father	SF-Subject Father	OC-Other Child
MGM-Maternal Grand Mother	MGF-Maternal Grand Father	FF-Foster Father
PGM-Paternal Grand Mother	PGF-Paternal Grand Father	DCP-Day Care Provider
MGGM-Maternal Great Grand Mother	MGGF-Maternal Great Grand Father	PGGF-Paternal Great Grand Father
PGGM-Paternal Great Grand Mother	MA/MU-Maternal Aunt/Maternal Uncle	PA/PU-Paternal Aunt/Paternal Uncle
Contacts		
LE-Law Enforcement	CW-Case Worker	CP-Case Planner
Dr.-Doctor	ME-Medical Examiner	EMS-Emergency Medical Services
DC-Day Care	FD-Fire Department	BM-Biological Mother
CPR-Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation		
Allegations		
FX-Fractures	II-Internal Injuries	L/B/W-Lacerations/Bruises/Welts
S/D/S-Swelling/Dislocation/Sprains	C/T/S-Choking/Twisting/Shaking	B/S-Burns/Scalding
P/Nx-Poisoning/ Noxious Substance	XCP-Excessive Corporal Punishment	PD/AM-Parent's Drug Alcohol Misuse
CD/A-Child's Drug/Alcohol Use	LMC-Lack of Medical Care	EdN-Educational Neglect
EN-Emotional Neglect	SA-Sexual Abuse	M/FTTH-Malnutrition/Failure-to-thrive
IF/C/S-Inadequate Food/ Clothing/ Shelter	IG-Inadequate Guardianship	LS-Lack of Supervision
Ab-Abandonment	OTH/COI-Others	
Miscellaneous		
IND-Indicated	UNF-Unfounded	SO-Sexual Offender
Sub-Substantiated	Unsub-Unsubstantiated	DV-Domestic Violence
LDSS-Local Department of Social Service	ACS-Administration for Children's Services	NYPD-New York City Police Department
PPRS-Purchased Preventive Rehabilitative Services		

Case Information



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Report Type: Child Deceased
Age: 5 month(s)

Jurisdiction: Niagara
Gender: Male

Date of Death: 02/21/2016
Initial Date OCFS Notified: 02/21/2016

Presenting Information

SCR report with allegations of DOA/Fatality and IG against subject father.

Today 02/21/2016, at approximately 10:30AM, the six month old subject child was crying for unknown reasons while in the care of the subject father. Subject father went to check on subject child when he was crying. Subject father left the room where subject child was for an unknown period of time. Subject father went back to check on subject child and noticed subject child was unresponsive. Subject father called 9-1-1. Subject father was instructed to do CPR on subject child. Subject child was taken to a hospital where he was subsequently pronounced dead. Subject child appeared to be an otherwise healthy child with no pre-existing conditions. Subject father has no explanation for subject child's death making this a suspicious death. The mother and other child have unknown roles.

A subsequent report with allegations of DOS/Fatality, Internal injuries, IG, and L/B/W was received 02/24/2016.

Executive Summary

This fatality involved a six month old subject child (SC) that died while on a visitation with his subject father (SF) and was reportedly crying prior to SF putting SC down on a mattress on the floor. The SF reported checking on SC a few minutes later and finding SC unresponsive.

The CW initiated the investigation making appropriate case and collateral contacts. Medical information was obtained, SCR history checks were made, and the surviving one year old sibling (OC) was assessed regarding safety issues. The SF was not interviewed by the CW as he immediately obtained an Attorney and declined interview requests.

Police obtained a search warrant and found marijuana in SF's home along with growing paraphernalia. SF is not originally from New York State. The couple met while in U.S. Navy boot camp. Both had been discharged from the Navy after less than a year. SF and SC's mother (SCM) were recently separated and living apart, but were continuing to maintain a relationship. SCM reported SF having a history of anger issues, but she denied any history of domestic violence. There is no SCR history in NYS for SF or SCM, but it is unknown if SF has CPS history outside of NYS.

First responders reported no blankets or other items around SC who was near a mattress on a bedroom floor. Law enforcement did not find anything used to clean up blood and observed no blood on the carpet or sheet covering the bed. Resuscitation efforts were not successful.

A neighbor reported SF telling him not to have kids, that he had been frustrated with SC's crying, and that Police had concluded the death was SIDS. The neighbor also reported smoking marijuana with and buying marijuana from SF. SCM reported SF had told her SC's head had hit his head while he was bouncing him on his knee. SF had sent texts to SCM saying "maybe this wasn't a good idea" regarding the children spending the night, but later said "never mind."



The SC had no medical history concerns. SCM and OC reside with SCM’s parents. The home was observed with ample food and no safety concerns. An OOP was obtained for OC limiting SF’s contact to only supervised contact. SCM reportedly had a history of postpartum depression and a suicide attempt.

The final autopsy report was not yet received at the time of case closing or this OCFS review. The autopsy found external bruising on SC’s forehead and left side of his face. X-rays also showed two healing rib fractures approximately 7-10 days old and extensive internal hemorrhaging of the left forehead that matched with the external bruising and hemorrhaging of the right eye muscle. The internal hemorrhaging was determined to be so extensive that SC could not have lived past a short time.

On 3/11/16 Niagara Co DSS filed an Abuse Petition against SF pertaining to SC's death and derivative abuse of OC. SF, with his Attorney, requested to be excused from any proceedings. This was granted and on 5/19/16 there was a default hearing and both SC and OC were adjudicated to be neglected, abused, and severely abused. There is a stay away OOP against SF pertaining to OC.

On 04/15/2016, the allegations of DOA/Fatality, Internal Injuries, IG, and L/B/W were INDICATED against SF. The x-rays obtained at autopsy showed two healing fractures of SC’s ribs and extensive internal brain hemorrhages. The Coroner's preliminary findings were blunt force injuries of the head as the cause of death and the manner of death as a homicide. SF was the sole caretaker of SC at the time of SC's death. Final Autopsy report is pending. Law enforcement criminal charges are pending the final Autopsy report. Case opened CPS required with goal to prevent placement.

Findings Related to the CPS Investigation of the Fatality

Safety Assessment:

- **Was sufficient information gathered to make the decision recorded on the:**
 - **Approved Initial Safety Assessment?** Yes
 - **Safety assessment due at the time of determination?** No
- **Was the safety decision on the approved Initial Safety Assessment appropriate?** Yes

Determination:

- **Was sufficient information gathered to make determination(s) for all allegations as well as any others identified in the course of the investigation?** Yes, sufficient information was gathered to determine all allegations.
- **Was the determination made by the district to unfound or indicate appropriate?** Yes

Explain:

There is missing information that should be explored. 1. Navy discharge reasons for SF and SC's Mother. There is no documentation regarding this being explored with SC's mother. 2. Criminal background checks on both parents and both Grandparents in the home. 3. Who had SC during estimated period of rib factors? These items could add or change safety considerations for the surviving child.

Was the decision to close the case appropriate? N/A

Was casework activity commensurate with appropriate and relevant statutory No



or regulatory requirements?

Was there sufficient documentation of supervisory consultation?

Yes, the case record has detail of the consultation.

Explain:

A services case was open for this family at the time of the fatality investigation closing.

Required Actions Related to the Fatality

Are there Required Actions related to the compliance issue(s)? [X]Yes []No

Table with 2 columns: Issue, Summary, Legal Reference, Action. Content includes: Overall Completeness and Adequacy of Investigation, There is missing information that should be explored. 1. Navy discharge reasons for SF and SC's Mother. 2. Criminal background checks on both parents and both Grandparents in the home. 3. Who had SC during estimated period of rib factors? SSL 424.6; 18 NYCRR 432.2(b)(3) and 18 NYCRR 432.2. Caseworker must explore all safety concerns that arise during an investigation. While SF has been uncooperative, the SCM may provide details to provide a clearer picture for the safety assessment. Examples: SF may have prior fatalities outside NYS. Criminal background checks may raise concerns in household. SF may not have had SC during rib fracture period and new subjects may need to be added.

Fatality-Related Information and Investigative Activities

Incident Information

Date of Death: 02/21/2016

Time of Death: Unknown

Time of fatal incident, if different than time of death: Unknown

County where fatality incident occurred:

NIAGARA

Was 911 or local emergency number called?

Yes

Time of Call:

11:21 AM

Did EMS to respond to the scene?

Yes

At time of incident leading to death, had child used alcohol or drugs? No

Child's activity at time of incident:

- [] Sleeping [] Working [] Driving / Vehicle occupant
[] Playing [] Eating [] Unknown
[X] Other: On floor near bed mattress. Had been crying.

Did child have supervision at time of incident leading to death? Yes



Is the caretaker listed in the Household Composition? Yes - Caregiver

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At time of incident supervisor was: Not impaired.

Total number of deaths at incident event:

Children ages 0-18: 1

Household Composition at time of Fatality

Household	Relationship	Role	Gender	Age
Deceased Child's Household	Deceased Child	Alleged Victim	Male	6 Month(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Mother	No Role	Female	24 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Sibling	No Role	Female	1 Year(s)
Other Household 1	Father	Alleged Perpetrator	Male	24 Year(s)

LDSS Response

On 2/21/16, Niagara Co. CPS, received an SCR report with allegations of DOA/Fatality and IG against subject father (SF). Subject child (SC) was on a visitation with SF and crying when SF put SC on a bed and later checked on him finding him unresponsive. A subsequent report was received 2/24/16 with allegations of DOA/Fatality, Internal Injuries, IG, and L/B/W against SF.

The CW initiated the investigation making case/collateral contacts. Medical information was obtained, SCR history check was made, and the surviving one year old sibling (OC) was assessed regarding safety issues. The SF was not interviewed by the CW as he immediately obtained an Attorney and declined interview requests. There also is no criminal background check on SF.

SF refused a Police request to search his home. Police later obtained a search warrant and found marijuana and growing paraphernalia. SF is not from NYS. The couple met while in Navy boot camp. Both had been discharged from the Navy after less than a year. SF and SC's mother (SCM) were separated and living apart, but were continuing to maintain a relationship despite SF having a girlfriend. SCM reported SF having a history of anger issues, but she denied any history of domestic violence. There is no SCR history in NYS for SF or SCM. It is unknown if there is any CPS history for SF outside NYS.

First responders reported no blankets or other items around SC who was near a mattress on a bedroom floor. Police did not find anything used to clean up blood and observed no blood on the carpet or sheet covering the bed. Resuscitation efforts were not successful. The OC was found in a bedroom wearing a wet/soiled diaper and had been sleeping on an air mattress on the floor. The home was described as having little food and being unkempt with dirty diapers and clothes on the floors.

An upstairs neighbor reported SF telling him not to have kids, that he had been frustrated with SC's crying, and that Police had concluded the death was SIDS. The neighbor also reported smoking marijuana with and buying marijuana from SF. SCM reported SF had told her SC's head had hit his head while he was bouncing him on his knee. SF had sent texts to SCM saying "maybe this wasn't a good idea" regarding the children spending the night.



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The SC had no medical history concerns. SCM and OC reside with SCM’s parents. The home was observed with ample food and no safety concerns. SCM reportedly has a history of postpartum depression and a suicide attempt.

The autopsy found external bruising on SC’s forehead and face. Blood was found inside SC’s nostrils. The radiologist reported SC’s lungs were “whited out” which could reportedly only occur with asphyxiation or drowning. X-rays also showed two healing rib fractures 7-10 days old and extensive internal hemorrhaging of the left forehead that matched with the external bruising and hemorrhaging of the right eye muscle. The internal hemorrhaging was determined to be so extensive that SC could not have lived past a short time. SC’s brain and spinal cord were removed and sent to a Neurologist in NC with no broken vertebra found.

On 3/11/16 Niagara Co DSS filed an Abuse Petition against SF pertaining to SC's death and derivative abuse of OC. SF, with his Attorney, requested to be excused from any proceedings. This was granted and on 5/19/16 there was a default hearing and both SC and OC were adjudicated to be neglected, abused, and severely abused. There is a stay away OOP against SF pertaining to OC.

On 4/15/16, allegations of DOA/Fatality, Internal Injuries, IG, and L/B/W were IND against SF. The ME’s autopsy x-rays showed two healing fractures of SC’s ribs and extensive internal brain hemorrhages. The Coroner's preliminary findings were blunt force injuries of the head as the cause of death and the manner of death as a homicide. Final Autopsy report is pending. Criminal charges are pending the final Autopsy. Case opened to services.

Official Manner and Cause of Death

Official Manner: Homicide

Primary Cause of Death: From an injury - external cause

Person Declaring Official Manner and Cause of Death: Coroner

Multidisciplinary Investigation/Review

Was the fatality investigation conducted by a Multidisciplinary Team (MDT)? Yes

Comments: Niagara County does has an OCFS approved Multi-Disciplinary Team. The rapid Response Team did meet and consult for this fatality investigation.

Was the fatality reviewed by an OCFS approved Child Fatality Review Team? Yes

Comments: Niagara County has an OCFS approved Child Fatality Review team that was involved in this fatality report.

SCR Fatality Report Summary

Alleged Victim(s)	Alleged Perpetrator(s)	Allegation(s)	Allegation Outcome
028681 - Deceased Child, Male, 6 Mons	028682 - Father, Male, 24 Year(s)	DOA / Fatality	Substantiated
028681 - Deceased Child, Male, 6	028682 - Father, Male, 24	Internal Injuries	Substantiated



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Mons	Year(s)		
028681 - Deceased Child, Male, 6 Mons	028682 - Father, Male, 24 Year(s)	Lacerations / Bruises / Welts	Substantiated
028681 - Deceased Child, Male, 6 Mons	028682 - Father, Male, 24 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated

CPS Fatality Casework/Investigative Activities

	Yes	No	N/A	Unable to Determine
All children observed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When appropriate, children were interviewed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alleged subject(s) interviewed face-to-face?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All 'other persons named' interviewed face-to-face?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contact with source?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All appropriate Collaterals contacted?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Was a death-scene investigation performed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Was there discussion with all parties (youth, other household members, and staff) who were present that day (if nonverbal, observation and comments in case notes)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coordination of investigation with law enforcement?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Was there timely entry of progress notes and other required documentation?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional information:

Subject father was not cooperative in meeting with Caseworker to discuss the fatality reported due to his Attorney's counsel. Criminal charges have not been made yet as law enforcement is waiting for the results of the final autopsy report.

Fatality Safety Assessment Activities

	Yes	No	N/A	Unable to Determine
Were there any surviving siblings or other children in the household?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Was there an adequate safety assessment of impending or immediate danger to surviving siblings/other children in the household named in the report:				
Within 24 hours?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At 7 days?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At 30 days?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Was there an approved Initial Safety Assessment for all surviving	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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siblings/ other children in the household within 24 hours?				
Are there any safety issues that need to be referred back to the local district?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

When safety factors were present that placed the surviving siblings/other children in the household in impending or immediate danger of serious harm, were the safety interventions, including parent/caretaker actions adequate?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Fatality Risk Assessment / Risk Assessment Profile

	Yes	No	N/A	Unable to Determine
Was the risk assessment/RAP adequate in this case?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
During the course of the investigation, was sufficient information gathered to assess risk to all surviving siblings/other children in the household?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Was there an adequate assessment of the family's need for services?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did the protective factors in this case require the LDSS to file a petition in Family Court at any time during or after the investigation?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were appropriate/needed services offered in this case	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Placement Activities in Response to the Fatality Investigation

	Yes	No	N/A	Unable to Determine
Did the safety factors in the case show the need for the surviving siblings/other children in the household be removed or placed in foster care at any time during this fatality investigation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were there surviving siblings/other children in the household removed as a result of this fatality report/investigation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Explain as necessary:
 There was no removal however, subject father's contact with the surviving child was restricted to supervised contact and there was an Order of Protection prohibiting contact granted in Niagara County Family Court on 03/18/2016.

Legal Activity Related to the Fatality

Was there legal activity as a result of the fatality investigation?



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Family Court

Criminal Court

Order of Protection

Family Court Petition Type: FCA Article 10 - CPS		
Date Filed:	Fact Finding Description:	Disposition Description:
03/11/2016	Adjudicated Abused	Direct Custody Transferred to Continued with Relative (Article 10)
Respondent:	028682 Father Male 24 Year(s)	
Comments:	<p>Niagara County DSS filed a Severe Abuse Petition against SF in Niagara County Family Court on 03/11/2016 on behalf of SC and OC surviving sibling.</p> <p>The Petition alleges that the Respondent SF inflicted or allowed to be inflicted upon said child physical injury by other than accidental means which caused or created a substantial risk of death, or serious protracted disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment of physical or emotional health or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily organ; or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) Upon information and belief, SC died on 02/23/16. An autopsy was completed on 2/23/16 where it was determined that the cause of death was blunt force trauma. 2. OC was also at the home of Respondent SF at the time of SC's death. OC was dirty and wearing a urine soaked diaper. Respondent SF was the sole caretaker of the children during this time. 3. Law enforcement found drug paraphernalia and a loaded shot gun accessible to the children at Respondent's home. 4. OC is derivatively abused due to the abuse of SC. <p>The Petition further alleges that Respondent SF committed the following acts of severe abuse against the following child:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Upon information and belief, the SC died 02/21/16 while being in the sole care and custody of his father, Respondent SF. An autopsy was completed on 2/23/16 where it was determined that the cause of death was blunt force trauma. 2) OC was also at the home of Respondent SF at the time of SC's death. OC was dirty and wearing a urine soaked diaper. Respondent SF was the sole caretaker of the children during this time. 3) Law enforcement found drug paraphernalia and a loaded shot gun accessible to the children in Respondent's home. 4) OC is derivatively severely abused due to the severe abuse of SC. <p>SF was a no show for the initial hearing on 3/11/16. A hearing was rescheduled for 4/6/2016 at which SF, with his Attorney, requested to be excused from any further proceedings. This was granted and on 5/19/16 there was a default hearing and both SC and OC were adjudicated to be neglected, abused, and severely abused. A service case was opened with a goal of prevent placement.</p>	

Have any Orders of Protection been issued? Yes	
From: 03/18/2016	To: 05/19/2017
Explain: Subject father did not show for the Article 10 petition initial hearing. A temporary Order of Protection prohibiting subject	



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father's contact with the surviving child was granted 03/18/2016.
 A hearing was rescheduled for 4/6/2016 at which SF, with his Attorney, requested to be excused from any further proceedings. This was granted and on 5/19/16 there was a default hearing and both SC and OC were adjudicated to be neglected, abused, and severely abused. An Order of Protection was also granted which orders Respondent SF to stay away from:
 A) OC
 B) the home of OC
 C) Refrain from communication or any other contact by mail, telephone, email, voice-mail or other electronic or any other means with OC including no third party contact.

Services Provided to the Family in Response to the Fatality

Services	Provided After Death	Offered, but Refused	Offered, Unknown if Used	Needed but not Offered	Needed but Unavailable	N/A	CDR Lead to Referral
Bereavement counseling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Economic support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Funeral arrangements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mental health services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Foster care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Homemaking Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parenting Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Domestic Violence Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Early Intervention	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alcohol/Substance abuse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child Care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intensive case management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family or others as safety resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional information, if necessary:
 Surviving child and mother reside with maternal grandparents. The home was assessed with no safety concerns.

Were services provided to siblings or other children in the household to address any immediate needs and support



their well-being in response to the fatality? N/A

Explain:

There were no immediate needs assessed as necessary for the surviving 1 1/2 year old child. Subject child's mother and the surviving child reside with subject mother's parents. The home was assessed as appropriate with ample food supplies and no safety concerns.

Were services provided to parent(s) and other care givers to address any immediate needs related to the fatality? Yes

Explain:

There were no immediate needs assessed as necessary for the surviving 1 1/2 year old child. Services were opened to this family at case closing.

History Prior to the Fatality

Child Information

- Did the child have a history of alleged child abuse/maltreatment? No
- Was there an open CPS case with this child at the time of death? No
- Was the child ever placed outside of the home prior to the death? No
- Were there any siblings ever placed outside of the home prior to this child's death? No
- Was the child acutely ill during the two weeks before death? No

Infants Under One Year Old

During pregnancy, mother:

- Had medical complications / infections
- Misused over-the-counter or prescription drugs
- Experienced domestic violence
- Was not noted in the case record to have any of the issues listed
- Had heavy alcohol use
- Smoked tobacco
- Used illicit drugs

Infant was born:

- Drug exposed
- With neither of the issues listed noted in case record
- With fetal alcohol effects or syndrome

CPS - Investigative History Three Years Prior to the Fatality

There is no CPS investigative history within three years prior to the fatality.

CPS - Investigative History More Than Three Years Prior to the Fatality

There is no history for this family more than three years prior to the fatality.



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Known CPS History Outside of NYS

Mother and subject father have no known history outside New York State; however, subject father is not originally from New York State and it is unknown if he has CPS history outside New York State as he was not cooperative with Caseworker in providing any information per his Attorney's counsel.

Services Open at the Time of the Fatality

Required Action(s)

Are there Required Actions related to compliance issues for provisions of CPS or Preventive services ?

Yes No

Preventive Services History

There is no record of Preventive Services History provided to the deceased child, the deceased child's siblings, and/or the other children residing in the deceased child's household at the time of the fatality.

Required Action(s)

Are there Required Actions related to the compliance issues for provision of Foster Care Services?

Yes No

Foster Care Placement History

There is no record of foster care placement history provided to the deceased child, the deceased child's siblings, and/or the other children residing in the deceased child's household at the time of the fatality.

Legal History Within Three Years Prior to the Fatality

Was there any legal activity within three years prior to the fatality investigation? There was no legal activity

Additional Local District Comments

N/A

Recommended Action(s)

Are there any recommended actions for local or state administrative or policy changes? Yes No



Are there any recommended prevention activities resulting from the review? Yes No