DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Division of Safety and Permanence

Public Notification of a Child Death, Serious Injury or Egregious Incident

Case Tracking Number: 110213DSP-Jeff-80
Date of Public Notification: 2/23/11
The Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) has received notification that a child death, serious injury or egregious incident has occurred and maltreatment is suspected, or that a child placed in out-of-home care has died and suicide is suspected.
Date of Incident: 2/13/11
Incident Description:
The agency received a report that the child was airlifted to the University of Wisconsin Children's Hospital. The child was diagnosed with hyponatremia, which often results from inappropriate water retention by the kidney. The attending physician determined the child's condition was caused by forced water intoxication, resulting in a near-fatal seizure. The mother admitted to forcing the child to consume a large amount of water over several hours, even after he had vomited from consuming more than his body could handle.
Child Information: Age: 4 years Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male Age: Age: ☐ Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Female ☐ Male Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male
Child's Residence: In-home Out-of-home care placement by agency
Scope of DSP Review of Incident
Abbreviated review to gather more information about the case
Full records and on-site review by DSP
Other (describe):

Agencies cooperating with the DSP in the review at this time:

Jefferson County Human Services Department

Additional Information (optional):