DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Division of Safety and Permanence

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

Case Tracking Number: 110623DSP-Dane-119
Date of Public Notification: 6/27/11
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: 6/23/11
Incident Description:
The child was taken to the emergency room after his father found him limp, unresponsive and gasping for breath. The child was found to have a serious head injury suspicious for non-accidental trauma. In addition to the current injury, older subdural blood collection was noted, which could indicate previous head trauma. The baby was transferred to Children's Hospital in Madison. Reportedly, on 6/22/11 the father picked up the baby from the mother's home because the baby was irritable, and the mother needed a break. The baby was with the father and his girlfriend on 6/23/11. The father explained that the baby fell asleep in his car seat, and when he checked on him an hour later he found him unresponsive.
Child Information: Age: 2 months Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male Age: Age: ☐ Age: ☐ Gender: ☐ 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:

Dane County Department of Human Services

Additional Information (optional):