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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
FM-Foster Mother	SS-Surviving Sibling	PS-Parent Sub
CH/CHN-Child/Children	OA-Other Adult	
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
CPS-Child Protective Services		
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-Other	
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	TANF-Temporary Assistance to Needy Families	FC-Foster Care
MH-Mental Health	ER-Emergency Room	COS-Court Ordered Services
OP-Order of Protection	RAP-Risk Assessment Profile	FASP-Family Assessment Plan
FAR-Family Assessment Response	Hx-History	Tx-Treatment
CAC-Child Advocacy Center	PIP-Program Improvement Plan	yo- year(s) old
CPR-Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	ASTO-Allowing Sex Abuse to Occur	



Case Information

Report Type: Child Deceased
Age: 2 month(s)

Jurisdiction: Onondaga
Gender: Female

Date of Death: 03/27/2021
Initial Date OCFS Notified: 03/27/2021

Presenting Information

An SCR report was received which alleged the subject child and three siblings slept in the same bed each night, and on 3/27/21 at around 5:42AM, the mother woke up to find the subject child not breathing. The mother called the police and an ambulance, and the subject child was transported to the hospital. At the hospital, the subject child was pronounced dead. There was no explanation as to how the child died; however, it was believed that unsafe sleeping arrangements contributed to her death.

Executive Summary

This fatality report concerns the death of a two-month-old female subject child that occurred on 3/27/21. The SCR registered a report on that same date with allegations of Inadequate Guardianship, Inadequate Food/Clothing/Shelter, Parent’s Drug/Alcohol Misuse, and DOA/Fatality against the child’s mother and father. Onondaga County Department of Social Services (OCDSS) received the fatality report and investigated the child’s death. An autopsy was completed, and the official cause and manner of death were undetermined.

At the time of the child’s death, she resided with her mother and three surviving siblings, ages seven, five and two years old. The child’s father resided elsewhere; however, had spent the night on the date of the incident. The father had another child, 14 years old, of whom he had no recent contact. The investigation revealed the mother and four children arrived home around midnight after visiting family on 3/26/21. The father went to the home around the same time and all the children were awake upon his arrival. At approximately 2:00AM on 3/27/21, the mother placed the child beside her in a queen-sized bed, in which the father was already sleeping; the child was placed between the mother and the wall. The surviving siblings were asleep together in a toddler bed in another room of the home. The mother reported she fell asleep next to the child and did not wake again until 5:00AM. When the mother attempted to rouse the child for a feeding, she found the child was limp and unresponsive. The mother woke the father, and emergency services were called. An ambulance arrived at the home and transported the child to a local hospital, where she was pronounced deceased at 7:01AM on 3/27/21.

From the time the investigation began to the time of its closure, OCDSS gathered information from family members and collateral sources, which included law enforcement, the medical examiner, hospital staff and other medical providers. Concerns surrounding the safety of the surviving siblings were discovered, which led OCDSS to file a neglect petition in family court where both parents were named as respondents. A mandated services case was opened to address the ongoing needs of the family. The parents denied they had been previously educated surrounding safe sleep practices; however, providers involved with the family had documented otherwise. OCDSS found evidence that the parents placed the child at imminent risk of harm by putting her to sleep in an unsafe environment. Further, OCDSS found the home environment was inadequate for the children, and their medical and academic needs were not being met. Therefore, OCDSS indicated the report. The services case and family court proceedings remained ongoing, and the investigation was closed.

PIP Requirement

This review resulted in citations related to casework practice. In response, OCDSS will submit a PIP to their Regional Office within 30 days of receipt of this report. The PIP will identify what action(s) the OCDSS has taken, or will take, to address the cited issue(s). For citations where a PIP is currently implemented, OCDSS will review the plan(s) and revise as needed.



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? Yes
- 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:

OCDSS gathered information to determine the allegations and assess the safety of the surviving siblings.

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

Was casework activity commensurate with appropriate and relevant statutory or regulatory requirements? Yes

Was there sufficient documentation of supervisory consultation? Yes, the case record has detail of the consultation.

Explain:

The case record reflected supervisory consultations throughout the investigation. The level of casework activity was commensurate with the case circumstances.

Required Actions Related to the Fatality

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

Fatality-Related Information and Investigative Activities

Incident Information

Date of Death: 03/27/2021

Time of Death: 07:01 AM

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

Unknown



County where fatality incident occurred: Onondaga
 Was 911 or local emergency number called? Yes
 Time of Call: Unknown
 Did EMS respond to the scene? Yes
 At time of incident leading to death, had child used alcohol or drugs? N/A

Child's activity at time of incident:

- Sleeping
- Working
- Driving / Vehicle occupant
- Playing
- Eating
- Unknown
- Other

Did child have supervision at time of incident leading to death? Yes
 How long before incident was the child last seen by caretaker? 4 Hours
 At time of incident was supervisor impaired? Not impaired.

At time of incident supervisor was:

- Distracted
- Absent
- Asleep
- Other:

Total number of deaths at incident event:

Children ages 0-18: 1
 Adults: 0

Household Composition at time of Fatality

Household	Relationship	Role	Gender	Age
Deceased Child's Household	Deceased Child	Alleged Victim	Female	2 Month(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Father	Alleged Perpetrator	Male	33 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Mother	Alleged Perpetrator	Female	24 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Sibling	Alleged Victim	Male	2 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Sibling	Alleged Victim	Female	7 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Sibling	Alleged Victim	Female	5 Year(s)

LDSS Response

On 3/27/21, OCDSS received the SCR report regarding the death of SC. OCDSS initiated their investigation within 24 hours and coordinated their efforts with their multidisciplinary team. OCDSS established there were 3 SSs and promptly assessed their safety.

On 3/27/21, OCDSS completed a home visit to the family's residence. LE and the ME were also present. OCDSS observed the home environment to be in deplorable conditions, noting extensive amounts of garbage, clutter, and debris throughout, as well as a roach infestation. The bed where SC was found was seen and noted to be queen sized, atop a box spring and placed on the floor.

On this same date, OCDSS met with the family at MGM's home. SM was interviewed and explained she and the CHN were at a cousin's house until midnight on 3/26/21, and all the CHN were still awake by the time they arrived home. SM stated she did not put them to bed until approximately 2:00AM. SM reported the 3 SSs slept together on a toddler bed in



the living room, while SC was placed to sleep in the adult bed, between SM and the wall; SF was on the opposite side of SM. SM stated SC had been acting normally in the days leading up to her death, and nothing out of the ordinary occurred. SM said she fell asleep and next awoke at 5:00AM. SM stated upon waking, she found SC to be limp and not breathing. SM said she immediately called 911. The record did not reflect the position in which SC was placed to sleep or how she was found. SM stated SF did not reside in the home but did stay overnight and visit frequently. A safety plan was implemented due to the home conditions where the SSs would stay with MGM at her home until SM's residence was cleaned and deemed appropriate by OCDSS. The SSs were observed and assessed as safe.

On 4/1/21, OCDSS interviewed the 7yo and 5yo SSs; the 2yo SS could not be interviewed due to his age and development. Neither SS reported anything of concern and denied feeling unsafe. They had no additional information surrounding the fatality other than SC had stopped breathing. On this same date, OCDSS interviewed SF at his home. SF explained he arrived at SM's around 11:00PM on 3/26/21 and slept over. He admitted to smoking marijuana an hour or two prior to his arrival. He stated when SM arrived home, all the CHN were awake, and he went to bed around midnight. SF stated SC was in a car seat on the bed, SM was beside SF and the 2yo SS went to sleep at the end of the bed. It was later clarified that SM had taken SC out of the car seat prior to falling asleep, and the 2yo SS did not remain asleep in the bed with them. SF stated at some point SM woke him saying SC was not breathing, and 911 was called. SF had no further information surrounding the incident.

The ME informed OCDSS that a small, old fracture to SC's left orbital bone was found and a slight hemorrhage. The ME stated there was nothing to indicate the fracture played a role in SC's death and there was no injury to the brain. Considering this, OCDSS requested the SSs be examined medically. All exams were normal with no concerns.

Throughout the investigation, OCDSS spoke with family members and collateral sources. It was discovered the SS's academic and medical needs were not being met. Further, the SC had not been seen by the pediatrician since birth. SM nor SF could provide a plausible explanation for SC's orbital fracture. Due to these concerns, as well as the home conditions, OCDSS filed a neglect petition on 4/12/21 and a mandated preventive services case was opened. It was ordered the SSs remain living with MGM, while SM could also reside there as additional support. OCDSS found evidence to support the allegations in the report and indicated and closed the case. LE found no criminality surrounding SC's death; however, SM was charged with EWOC based on the conditions of the home. Family court proceedings and the services case remained ongoing at the time of this writing.

Official Manner and Cause of Death

Official Manner: Undetermined

Primary Cause of Death: Undetermined if injury or medical cause

Person Declaring Official Manner and Cause of Death: Medical Examiner

Multidisciplinary Investigation/Review

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

Comments: This fatality investigation was conducted by the Onondaga County MDT.

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

Comments: This fatality was submitted for review by the Onondaga County Child Fatality Review Team.

SCR Fatality Report Summary

Alleged Victim(s)	Alleged Perpetrator(s)	Allegation(s)	Allegation Outcome
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058141 - Deceased Child, Female, 2 Mons	058142 - Mother, Female, 24 Year(s)	DOA / Fatality	Substantiated
058141 - Deceased Child, Female, 2 Mons	058142 - Mother, Female, 24 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Substantiated
058141 - Deceased Child, Female, 2 Mons	058142 - Mother, Female, 24 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated
058141 - Deceased Child, Female, 2 Mons	058142 - Mother, Female, 24 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
058141 - Deceased Child, Female, 2 Mons	058143 - Father, Male, 33 Year(s)	DOA / Fatality	Substantiated
058141 - Deceased Child, Female, 2 Mons	058143 - Father, Male, 33 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Substantiated
058141 - Deceased Child, Female, 2 Mons	058143 - Father, Male, 33 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated
058141 - Deceased Child, Female, 2 Mons	058143 - Father, Male, 33 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated
058144 - Sibling, Male, 2 Year(s)	058142 - Mother, Female, 24 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Substantiated
058144 - Sibling, Male, 2 Year(s)	058143 - Father, Male, 33 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated
058144 - Sibling, Male, 2 Year(s)	058142 - Mother, Female, 24 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated
058144 - Sibling, Male, 2 Year(s)	058142 - Mother, Female, 24 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
058144 - Sibling, Male, 2 Year(s)	058143 - Father, Male, 33 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Substantiated
058144 - Sibling, Male, 2 Year(s)	058143 - Father, Male, 33 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated
058145 - Sibling, Female, 7 Year(s)	058142 - Mother, Female, 24 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
058145 - Sibling, Female, 7 Year(s)	058143 - Father, Male, 33 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated
058145 - Sibling, Female, 7 Year(s)	058142 - Mother, Female, 24 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated
058145 - Sibling, Female, 7 Year(s)	058143 - Father, Male, 33 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Substantiated
058145 - Sibling, Female, 7 Year(s)	058143 - Father, Male, 33 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated
058145 - Sibling, Female, 7 Year(s)	058142 - Mother, Female, 24 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Substantiated
058146 - Sibling, Female, 5 Year(s)	058142 - Mother, Female, 24 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated
058146 - Sibling, Female, 5 Year(s)	058143 - Father, Male, 33 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated
058146 - Sibling, Female, 5 Year(s)	058142 - Mother, Female, 24 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Substantiated



Child Fatality Report

058146 - Sibling, Female, 5 Year(s)	058142 - Mother, Female, 24 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
058146 - Sibling, Female, 5 Year(s)	058143 - Father, Male, 33 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Substantiated
058146 - Sibling, Female, 5 Year(s)	058143 - Father, Male, 33 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alleged subject(s) interviewed face-to-face?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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:

OCDESS interviewed the family and collateral sources. Progress notes and other documentation were completed and entered within the required timeframes.

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 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 siblings/ other children in the household within 24 hours?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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"/>

Explain:
OCDSS offered the family services in response to the child's death.

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 children in the household that were removed either as a result of this fatality report / investigation or for reasons unrelated to this fatality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Explain as necessary:
The surviving siblings were not removed as a result of this fatality report.

Legal Activity Related to the Fatality

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

Family Court Criminal Court Order of Protection

Family Court Petition Type: FCA Article 10 - CPS		
Date Filed:	Fact Finding Description:	Disposition Description:
04/12/2021	There was not a fact finding	Order of Supervision
Respondent:	058142 Mother Female 24 Year(s)	



Comments:	Due to concerns surrounding the home environment and SM's inability to meet the medical and academic needs of the SSs, OCDSS filed a neglect petition against SM and SF. SM and SF were ordered to engage in services, and the SSs were to remain living with MGM until SM could find suitable, safe housing. The family court proceedings remained ongoing at the time of this writing.
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Family Court Petition Type: FCA Article 10 - CPS		
Date Filed:	Fact Finding Description:	Disposition Description:
04/12/2021	There was not a fact finding	Order of Supervision
Respondent:	058143 Father Male 33 Year(s)	
Comments:	Due to concerns surrounding the home environment and SM's inability to meet the medical and academic needs of the SSs, OCDSS filed a neglect petition against SM and SF. SM and SF were ordered to engage in services, and the SSs were to remain living with MGM until SM could find suitable, safe housing. The family court proceedings remained ongoing at the time of this writing.	

Criminal Charge: Endangering the welfare of a child Degree: NA			
Date Charges Filed:	Against Whom?	Date of Disposition:	Disposition:
Unknown	SM	Pending	Pending
Comments:	SM was charged with EWOC due to the deplorable home conditions in which the CHN were living.		

Services Provided to the Family in Response to the Fatality

Services	Provided After Death	Offered, but Refused	Offered, Unknown if Used	Not Offered	Needed but Unavailable	N/A	CDR Lead to Referral
Bereavement counseling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing assistance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mental health services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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:
 OCDSS provided the family with bereavement counseling referrals and information on assistance with funeral costs. A mandated services case was opened to address ongoing concerns. The record did not reflect family planning services were discussed. MGM remained a safety resource for the SSs.

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? Yes

Explain:
 OCDSS provided grief and bereavement service referrals to caregivers for the siblings. Additionally, a mandatory services case was opened to address ongoing concerns.

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

Explain:
 OCDSS provided grief and bereavement service referrals to the adults and caregivers. Additionally, a mandatory services case was opened to address ongoing concerns.

History Prior to the Fatality

Child Information

- Did the child have a history of alleged child abuse/maltreatment? 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

Date of SCR Report	Alleged Victim(s)	Alleged Perpetrator(s)	Allegation(s)	Allegation Outcome	Compliance Issue(s)
06/25/2020	Sibling, Male, 1 Years	Mother, Female, 23 Years	Lack of Medical Care	Unsubstantiated	Yes
	Sibling, Female, 5 Years	Mother, Female, 23 Years	Lack of Medical Care	Unsubstantiated	
	Sibling, Female, 6 Years	Mother, Female, 23 Years	Lack of Medical Care	Unsubstantiated	

Report Summary:

This SCR report was received with concerns the then 6yo and 4yo SSs were tested and found to have elevated lead levels, and SM failed to bring the CHN for their required follow-up appointments.

Report Determination: Unfounded**Date of Determination:** 08/07/2020**Basis for Determination:**

OCDSS interviewed SM and medical providers. SM did not show for several scheduled appointments to have the CHNs lead levels re-tested; however, by the close of the investigation, SM complied. The investigation was closed before the most recent test results were received, but the medical provider noted the results from previous tests showed the levels were decreasing. The two younger SSs were observed and assessed as safe. The eldest SS was with family during this investigation. There was no negative impact to the CHN noted due to delayed lead level testing or their last reported levels. Therefore, OCDSS unfounded and closed the case.

OCFS Review Results:

The record did not reflect any attempts to assess the safety of, or interview, the now 7yo SS. There were no documented attempts to interview the biological fathers of the SSs. Scarce food was observed in the home and SM reported she and the SSs ate at least one meal a day at MGM's; however, MGM was not spoken to as a collateral source.

Are there Required Actions related to the compliance issue(s)? Yes No**Issue:**

Failure to Conduct a Face-to-Face Interview (Subject/Family)

Summary:

The record did not reflect any attempts to assess the safety of, or interview, the now 7yo SS.

Legal Reference:

18 NYCRR 432.2(b)(3)(ii)(a)

Action:

The full child protective investigation must include face-to-face interviews with subjects of the report and family members of such subjects, including children named in the report.

Issue:

Contact/Information From Reporting/Collateral Source

Summary:

There were no documented attempts to interview the biological fathers of the SSs. Scarce food was observed in the home and SM reported she and the SSs ate at least one meal a day at MGM's; however, MGM was not spoken to as a collateral source to confirm this information.

Legal Reference:

18 NYCRR 432.2(b)(3)(ii)(b)

Action:

OCDSS will obtain information from collateral contacts who may have information relevant to the allegations in the report and to the safety of the children.



Date of SCR Report	Alleged Victim(s)	Alleged Perpetrator(s)	Allegation(s)	Allegation Outcome	Compliance Issue(s)
03/22/2019	Sibling, Female, 5 Years	Mother, Female, 21 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated	Yes
	Sibling, Female, 3 Years	Mother, Female, 21 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated	
	Sibling, Male, 5 Months	Mother, Female, 21 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated	

Report Summary:
 This SCR report was received with concerns the children were often outside begging for food and appeared dirty and underweight. There were no further details provided.

Report Determination: Unfounded **Date of Determination:** 07/17/2019

Basis for Determination:
 OCDSS interviewed SM, who denied the allegations. The home was observed and noted to be clean with beds and a portable crib. OCDSS reviewed safe sleep practices with SM. The SSs were observed and appeared healthy, clean, and free from marks and bruises. Limited food was seen; however, SM stated she planned to go shopping later that day. Pediatric records were received, and no concerns were noted. Attempts to meet with the family again were unsuccessful. The case was unfounded but opened for voluntary services.

OCFS Review Results:
 The record did not reflect any attempts to interview the now 7yo SS. The record did not reflect any attempts to interview the biological fathers of the SSs.

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

Issue:
 Failure to Conduct a Face-to-Face Interview (Subject/Family)
Summary:
 The record did not reflect any attempts to interview the now 7yo SS.
Legal Reference:
 18 NYCRR 432.2(b)(3)(ii)(a)
Action:
 The full child protective investigation must include face-to-face interviews with subjects of the report and family members of such subjects, including children named in the report.

Issue:
 Contact/Information From Reporting/Collateral Source
Summary:
 The record did not reflect any attempts to interview the biological fathers of the SSs.
Legal Reference:
 18 NYCRR 432.2(b)(3)(ii)(b)
Action:
 OCDSS will obtain information from collateral contacts who may have information relevant to the allegations in the report and to the safety of the children.

Date of SCR Report	Alleged Victim(s)	Alleged Perpetrator(s)	Allegation(s)	Allegation Outcome	Compliance Issue(s)
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11/19/2018	Other Child - Unrelated CH, Female, 15 Years	Father, Male, 31 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	No
	Other Child - Unrelated CH, Male, 12 Years	Father, Male, 31 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - Unrelated CH, Female, 10 Years	Father, Male, 31 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - Unrelated CH, Male, 7 Years	Father, Male, 31 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - Unrelated CH, Female, 7 Years	Father, Male, 31 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - Unrelated CH, Female, 15 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 31 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - Unrelated CH, Female, 15 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 31 Years	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - Unrelated CH, Male, 12 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 31 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - Unrelated CH, Male, 12 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 31 Years	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - Unrelated CH, Female, 10 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 31 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - Unrelated CH, Female, 10 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 31 Years	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - Unrelated CH, Male, 7 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 31 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - Unrelated CH, Male, 7 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 31 Years	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - Unrelated CH, Female, 7 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 31 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - Unrelated CH, Female, 7 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 31 Years	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated	

Report Summary:

This SCR report was received with concerns there was ongoing domestic violence between SF and his girlfriend in the presence of the girlfriend's 5 CHN. There were further concerns regarding the girlfriend and her CHN, unrelated to SF.

Report Determination: Unfounded

Date of Determination: 12/28/2018

Basis for Determination:

OCDSS interviewed family members and collateral sources. The verbal CHN denied witnessing any domestic violence in the home, aside from yelling. It was revealed SF did not reside with the family. The home and the children were assessed as safe. The report was unfounded and closed.

OCFS Review Results:

This investigation met all statutory requirements.

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

Date of SCR Report	Alleged Victim(s)	Alleged Perpetrator(s)	Allegation(s)	Allegation Outcome	Compliance Issue(s)
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09/18/2018

Other Child - Unrelated CH, Female, 9 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 30 Years	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Male, 6 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 30 Years	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Female, 6 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 30 Years	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Female, 15 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 30 Years	Lack of Medical Care	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Male, 12 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 30 Years	Lack of Medical Care	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Female, 15 Years	Father, Male, 30 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Female, 15 Years	Father, Male, 30 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Male, 12 Years	Father, Male, 30 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Male, 12 Years	Father, Male, 30 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Female, 9 Years	Father, Male, 30 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Female, 9 Years	Father, Male, 30 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Male, 6 Years	Father, Male, 30 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Male, 6 Years	Father, Male, 30 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Female, 6 Years	Father, Male, 30 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Female, 6 Years	Father, Male, 30 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Female, 15 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 30 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Female, 15 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 30 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Male, 12 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 30 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Male, 12 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 30 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Female, 9 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 30 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Female, 9 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 30 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Male, 6 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 30 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Male, 6 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 30 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated

No



Other Child - Unrelated CH, Female, 6 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 30 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Female, 6 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 30 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Female, 15 Years	Father, Male, 30 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Male, 12 Years	Father, Male, 30 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Female, 9 Years	Father, Male, 30 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Male, 6 Years	Father, Male, 30 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Female, 6 Years	Father, Male, 30 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Female, 15 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 30 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Male, 12 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 30 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Female, 9 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 30 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Male, 6 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 30 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Female, 6 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 30 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Female, 15 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 30 Years	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Unrelated CH, Male, 12 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 30 Years	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated

Report Summary:

This SCR report was received with concerns SF was selling drugs while residing in his girlfriend's home, in the presence of the girlfriend's 5 CHN. There were further concerns SF abused the girlfriend in front of the CHN. There were further concerns regarding the girlfriend and her CHN, unrelated to SF.

Report Determination: Unfounded**Date of Determination:** 12/20/2018**Basis for Determination:**

OCSSS interviewed family members and collateral sources. The verbal CHN denied witnessing any domestic violence or substance use in the home. There were no police reports regarding any incidents. The home and the children were assessed as safe. The report was unfounded and closed.

OCFS Review Results:

This investigation met all statutory requirements.

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

Date of SCR Report	Alleged Victim(s)	Alleged Perpetrator(s)	Allegation(s)	Allegation Outcome	Compliance Issue(s)
05/03/2018	Sibling, Male, 4 Years	Mother, Female, 20 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	No
	Sibling, Male, 2 Years	Mother, Female, 20 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	

**Report Summary:**

This SCR report was received with concerns that on 5/2/18, SM was angry and slapped the now 7yo and 5yo SSs with excessive force. The SSs were crying due to SM's aggressive behavior. The report further alleged SM would not allow the SSs to use the bathroom when they asked.

Report Determination: Unfounded

Date of Determination: 05/15/2018

Basis for Determination:

This SCR report was received with concerns that on 5/2/18, SM was angry and slapped the now 7yo and 5yo SSs with excessive force. The SSs were crying due to SM's aggressive behavior. The report further alleged SM would not allow the SSs to use the bathroom when they asked.

OCFS Review Results:

This investigation met all statutory requirements.

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

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

In 2017, SF was named as a non-confirmed subject in an investigation involving his nephew, with an allegation of IG.

Known CPS History Outside of NYS

There was no known CPS history outside of NYS.

Preventive Services History

On 4/12/19, a voluntary services case was opened per SM's request. SM stated she needed assistance with furnishing her home, obtaining appropriate sleeping provisions, and finding programming for her CHN. SM completed a parenting program and enrolled the youngest SS in pre-K. SM also reported having family and friends as support. The services case closed on 6/26/20 due to SM's lack of engagement.

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

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