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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: 25 day(s)

Jurisdiction: Washington
Gender: Male

Date of Death: 02/01/2021
Initial Date OCFS Notified: 02/01/2021

Presenting Information

An SCR report alleged that on 2/1/21 at a few minutes before 5:00 AM, the mother and father awoke to find that the 25-day-old infant was not breathing. The infant had been in the same bed as the parents. Emergency responders were called to the scene and noted that there appeared to be a large amount of blood in the infant's mouth. The infant was taken in the ambulance to the hospital and CPR was performed by responders, but with no response. The infant arrived at the hospital at 5:30 AM and was pronounced dead at 5:40 AM. The cause of death was listed as cardiac arrest. It was thought that the unsafe sleeping conditions may have contributed to the death of the infant. The infant was otherwise healthy and the parents had no explanation for the infant's death.

Executive Summary

On 2/1/21, the Washington County Department of Social Services (WCDSS) received an SCR report regarding the death of the 25-day-old male infant. At the time of the infant's death, he resided with his mother, father, paternal grandparents, the 19-year-old aunt and the 16-year-old uncle. Also residing in the home was the 18-year-old uncle, his 17-year-old partner and their 6-month-old son (the cousin). A second SCR report was received on the same date regarding the infant's death and with additional concerns for the 17-year-old child being allowed to reside in the home and to have sexual relations with the 18-year-old uncle prior to being the age of consent.

WCDSS conducted a joint investigation with law enforcement and they learned that on 2/1/21, the mother and father co-slept with the infant in their queen-sized bed. Around 4:40 AM, the parents awoke to find the infant not breathing, with blood on his face and on the bed. The parents brought the infant downstairs and alerted the other family members. The 17-year-old child called 911 and the grandmother performed CPR until first responders arrived and took over resuscitation efforts. The infant was transported to the hospital via ambulance, where he was pronounced deceased at 5:40 AM.

An autopsy was performed, and the final report had not been received at the time this report was written. The law enforcement investigation remained open pending the final autopsy results. The sexual abuse allegation was investigated and resulted in no charges being filed.

The 17-year-old child, 16-year-old uncle and the 6-month-old cousin were assessed to be safe in the home and there were no concerns for their care. At the time this report was written, the CPS investigation remained open. WCDSS provided the family with information on bereavement services and the mother engaged in counseling. The family declined funeral assistance.

PIP Requirement

For issues identified in a historical case, WCDSS will submit a PIP to the Albany Regional Office within 30 days of receipt of this report. The PIP will identify action(s) WCDSS has taken, or will take, to address the cited issue(s). For issues where a PIP is currently implemented, WCDSS will review the plan and revise as needed to address ongoing concerns.

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? N/A
- 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? The CPS report had not yet been determined at the time this Fatality report was written.
- Was the determination made by the district to unfound or indicate appropriate? N/A

Explain:

The CPS investigation remained open at the time this report was written.

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:

Casework activity was commensurate with best casework practice.

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: 02/01/2021

Time of Death: 05:40 AM

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

County where fatality incident occurred: Washington

Was 911 or local emergency number called? Yes



Time of Call:

04:40 AM

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? 2 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	Aunt/Uncle	Alleged Perpetrator	Female	19 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Aunt/Uncle	Alleged Perpetrator	Male	18 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Aunt/Uncle	No Role	Male	16 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Deceased Child	Alleged Victim	Male	25 Day(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Father	Alleged Perpetrator	Male	21 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Grandparent	Alleged Perpetrator	Male	51 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Grandparent	Alleged Perpetrator	Female	42 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Mother	Alleged Perpetrator	Female	20 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Other Child - 17-Year-Old Child	Alleged Victim	Female	17 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Other Child - Cousin	No Role	Male	6 Month(s)
Other Household 1	Other Adult - 17-Year-Old Child's Mother	No Role	Female	36 Year(s)
Other Household 2	Other Adult - 17-Year-Old Child's Father	Alleged Perpetrator	Male	51 Year(s)
Other Household 3	Other Adult - 16-Year-Old Uncle's Father	No Role	Male	41 Year(s)

LDSS Response

WCDSS initiated their investigation upon receipt of the SCR report. They reviewed SCR history, spoke to the source of the report, and notified the DA's office of the death. Throughout the investigation, WCDSS spoke to law enforcement, the coroner, hospital staff, the pediatrician, the mother's obstetrician, the maternal grandmother, the parents of the children that resided in the home, and all household members.

Hospital staff reported that law enforcement arrived at the scene at 4:47 AM and they found the infant to be pulseless.



There was blood in the nasopharynx and oropharynx and there were no signs of trauma.

Law enforcement reported that the parents gave consistent accounts of the incident. They admitted to smoking marijuana around 2:00 PM on 1/31/21. The mother reported that she took out her hearing aids at night to charge the battery, so the father cared for the infant at night. The parents said they laid down for bed at 12:30 AM on 2/1/21. The mother slept on the left side of the bed, the father slept next to the mother and the infant slept on the outside of the bed next to the father. There was a bassinet next to the parents' bed and the mother stated that she did not like the infant sleeping in bed with them. The father said he woke up at 1:30 AM and he gave the infant a bottle then he went back to sleep. The mother stated that she woke up around 4:40 AM and went into the bathroom. The father woke up at this time and he saw that there was blood all over his chest, the bed and the infant's face so he placed the infant in the bassinet. When the mother turned the bedroom light on, she saw that the infant was in the bassinet and he had blood on his face. The parents brought the infant downstairs to the paternal grandmother, who performed CPR. The mother and father got dressed and the father washed the blood off his chest while they waited for the ambulance to arrive.

During interviews with the parents, they reported that the infant was born at 36 weeks gestation via emergency C-section. He was healthy and he seemed fine when they went to bed. The mother said she told the father on several occasions that she did not like the infant sleeping in bed with them, however the father was afraid he would not hear the infant cry at night. The father did not sleep with a blanket covering him and the infant was wrapped in a swaddle blanket. The infant slept on his back with the father's arm over him, so he didn't fall off the bed. The mother and father's accounts of the incident were consistent with their statements to law enforcement. It was not documented what position the infant was in when the father woke up or if the infant's airway was obstructed at that time. The parents confirmed that they smoked marijuana around 2:00 PM on 1/31/21 while the grandmother was caring for the infant and they denied that they were impaired when they went to bed.

The home was observed to be safe and safe sleep guidelines were discussed with the family on several occasions throughout the investigation. WCDSS provided the family a large tote to store baby items in that they were storing in the cousin's crib. The family members all reported that they had no concerns for the children, and they felt that the parents provided exceptional care to the infant. They stated that the infant slept in the bassinet in the parents' bedroom and they were not aware that the parents co-slept with the infant. The family members did not share any details about the incident.

The mother's obstetrician records showed that the mother received the recommended prenatal care and she had an emergency C-section due to a medical complication. Pediatrician records showed that the mother tested positive for THC during pregnancy. The infant was last seen on 1/26/21 and there were no concerns noted. Safe sleep was discussed with the parents and they reported that the infant slept in a bassinet.

Official Manner and Cause of Death

Official Manner: Pending

Primary Cause of Death: Pending

Person Declaring Official Manner and Cause of Death: Other physician

Multidisciplinary Investigation/Review

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

Was the fatality reviewed by an OCFS approved Child Fatality Review Team?No

Comments: Washington County does not have an OCFS-approved Child Fatality Review Team.

SCR Fatality Report Summary



Alleged Victim(s)	Alleged Perpetrator(s)	Allegation(s)	Allegation Outcome
057611 - Deceased Child, Male, 25 Days	057616 - Grandparent, Male, 51 Year(s)	DOA / Fatality	Pending
057611 - Deceased Child, Male, 25 Days	057616 - Grandparent, Male, 51 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Pending
057611 - Deceased Child, Male, 25 Days	057618 - Father, Male, 21 Year(s)	DOA / Fatality	Pending
057611 - Deceased Child, Male, 25 Days	057618 - Father, Male, 21 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Pending
057611 - Deceased Child, Male, 25 Days	057612 - Mother, Female, 20 Year(s)	DOA / Fatality	Pending
057611 - Deceased Child, Male, 25 Days	057612 - Mother, Female, 20 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Pending
057614 - Other Child - 17-Year-Old Child, Female, 17 Year(s)	057617 - Grandparent, Female, 42 Year(s)	Sexual Abuse	Pending
057614 - Other Child - 17-Year-Old Child, Female, 17 Year(s)	057621 - Aunt/Uncle, Male, 18 Year(s)	Sexual Abuse	Pending
057614 - Other Child - 17-Year-Old Child, Female, 17 Year(s)	057620 - Aunt/Uncle, Female, 19 Year(s)	Sexual Abuse	Pending
057614 - Other Child - 17-Year-Old Child, Female, 17 Year(s)	057616 - Grandparent, Male, 51 Year(s)	Sexual Abuse	Pending
057614 - Other Child - 17-Year-Old Child, Female, 17 Year(s)	057612 - Mother, Female, 20 Year(s)	Sexual Abuse	Pending
057614 - Other Child - 17-Year-Old Child, Female, 17 Year(s)	057618 - Father, Male, 21 Year(s)	Sexual Abuse	Pending
057614 - Other Child - 17-Year-Old Child, Female, 17 Year(s)	057615 - Other Adult - 17-Year-Old Child's Father, Male, 51 Year(s)	Sexual Abuse	Pending

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"/>



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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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:
 Risk was adequately assessed for the surviving children and bereavement services were offered to the family. The Risk Assessment Profile had not yet been completed in Connections.

Placement Activities in Response to the Fatality Investigation

	Yes	No	N/A	Unable to Determine
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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"/>

Legal Activity Related to the Fatality

Was there legal activity as a result of the fatality investigation? There was no legal activity.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Funeral arrangements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 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:

The mother engaged in bereavement counseling and WCDSS provided the family with a large tote to store baby items in. Family planning was discussed with the 17-year-old child and 18-year-old uncle.

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:**

The family was provided with information on bereavement services for the 17-year-old child and 16-year-old uncle and the family declined.

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

Explain:

The family was provided with information on bereavement services and the mother engaged in counseling.

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? N/A

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)	Status/Outcome	Compliance Issue(s)
10/15/2020	Other Child - Cousin , Male, 2 Months	Other Child - 17-Year-Old Child , Female, 16 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Far-Closed	Yes
	Other Child - Cousin , Male, 2 Months	Other Child - 17-Year-Old Child , Female, 16 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Far-Closed	

Report Summary:

An SCR report was tracked FAR that alleged that the now 17-year-old child (16-years-old at the time) was smoking marijuana to the point of impairment while caring for the 6-month-old cousin (2-months old at the time). The child was seen smoking marijuana during an online school google meet and she was alleged to be breastfeeding the cousin with marijuana in her system.

**OCFS Review Results:**

The home was assessed to be safe and all household members were interviewed. The family denied that the child smoked marijuana. Safe sleep guidelines were discussed and the family reported being aware of them. The FLAG was completed with the family and no service needs were identified. The child was 16-years-old and she had been residing with the then 17-year-old uncle for two years under the guardianship of the paternal grandmother. The record did not reflect that the caseworker asked how she came to be in the grandmother's guardianship, nor was the concern addressed that she was having a sexual relationship with the uncle, resulting in the cousin's birth.

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

Issue:

FAR-Failure to Address Reported or Identified Concerns

Summary:

The record did not reflect that the concern was addressed that the 16-year-old child was not of legal age to consent and she was residing in the grandmother's home and having a sexual relationship with the then 17-year-old uncle.

Legal Reference:

18 NYCRR 432.13 (a)(3)(iii)

Action:

WCDSS will engage the family in an assessment of the concerns reported to the SCR, any family-identified needs and concerns that may impact the safety and risk of children, and the family's strengths and resources that could be engaged to address the identified concerns.

Date of SCR Report	Alleged Victim(s)	Alleged Perpetrator(s)	Allegation(s)	Allegation Outcome	Compliance Issue(s)
10/12/2018	Other Child - 17-Year-Old Child , Female, 14 Years	Other Adult - 17-Year-Old Child's Father, Male, 49 Years	Educational Neglect	Unsubstantiated	No
	Other Child - 17-Year-Old Child , Female, 14 Years	Other Adult - 17-Year-Old Child's Father, Male, 49 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - 17-Year-Old Child , Female, 14 Years	Other Adult - 17-Year-Old Child's Father, Male, 49 Years	Lack of Medical Care	Unsubstantiated	

Report Summary:

An SCR report alleged that the 17-year-old child (14-years-old at the time) had been absent from school 9 days that school year and she was missing her required counseling services which was negatively impacting the child. This was an ongoing concern since the previous school year. The child's father was aware of the concern and he failed to address the situation.

Report Determination: Unfounded

Date of Determination: 01/02/2019

Basis for Determination:

The child's father reported that he was trying to get the child to school but she refused to go. The child claimed she was being bullied and she hated her school. She left home and moved in with the 18-year-old uncle and the paternal grandmother without the father's permission and she refused to go back home. The child enrolled herself as homeless in the new school district. The child started attending school daily with no academic, behavioral or attendance issues. The grandmother reported that she was supervising the child and the child's father allowed her to continue to stay with the grandmother.

OCFS Review Results:

WCDSS assessed the homes of the 17-year-old child's father and the grandmother to be safe. They interviewed all household members and the child's mother. Safety Assessments and the RAP were completed timely and accurately. Relevant collaterals were contacted and the family was referred for PINS and counseling services.

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



Child Fatality Report

Date of SCR Report	Alleged Victim(s)	Alleged Perpetrator(s)	Allegation(s)	Allegation Outcome	Compliance Issue(s)
05/16/2018	Other Child - 17-Year-Old Child , Female, 14 Years	Other Adult - 17-Year-Old Child's Father, Male, 49 Years	Emotional Neglect	Unsubstantiated	No
	Other Child - 17-Year-Old Child , Female, 14 Years	Other Adult - 17-Year-Old Child's Father, Male, 49 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - 17-Year-Old Child , Female, 14 Years	Other Adult - 17-Year-Old Child's Father, Male, 49 Years	Lack of Medical Care	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - 17-Year-Old Child , Female, 14 Years	Other Adult - 17-Year-Old Child's Father, Male, 49 Years	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated	

Report Summary:

An SCR report alleged that for the previous two years the 17-year-old child (14-years-old at the time) had a history of cutting, suicidal ideation and suicide attempts. As a result, the child required a higher level of supervision. The child's father was aware and regularly left the child unsupervised for long periods of time. The child's father left guns, knives and blades accessible to the child. On 5/5/18, the child cut her wrists in an attempted suicide. The child's father refused to seek medical attention for the child.

Report Determination: Unfounded

Date of Determination: 06/27/2018

Basis for Determination:

The child's father was aware of the child's mental health concerns and he attempted to address it through mental health counseling. The father worked long hours so he arranged for the child to stay with a friend who provided constant supervision to the child and she took the child to medical appointments. While on visitation with her mother the child found glass and cut her wrist. Following this incident the father limited the child's visitation with her mother to occur only at the friend's home.

OCFS Review Results:

WCDSS assessed the child's father's home and the friend's home to be safe for the child. The child, her father, her mother and the friend were interviewed and relevant collaterals were contacted. Safety Assessments and the RAP were completed timely and accurately.

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

Date of SCR Report	Alleged Victim(s)	Alleged Perpetrator(s)	Allegation(s)	Status/Outcome	Compliance Issue(s)
02/01/2018	Other Child - Other Child , Female, 8 Years	Other Adult - 17-Year-Old Child's Mother's Partner, Male, 55 Y	Inadequate Guardianship	Far-Closed	No
	Other Child - 17-Year-Old Child , Female, 14 Years	Other Adult - 17-Year-Old Child's Mother's Partner, Male, 55 Y	Inadequate Guardianship	Far-Closed	

Report Summary:

An SCR report was tracked FAR that alleged there was a history of domestic violence in the 17-year-old child's mother's home at the hands of her mother's partner. In 2017, the partner threw the other child across the room and smacked her in the face and he hit the 17-year-old child's mother with a frying pan. The 17-year-old child (14-years-old at the time) and the other child witnessed the domestic incidents.

OCFS Review Results:

The other child, the 17-year-old child's mother and her mother's partner denied that there was domestic violence in the home. The 17-year-old child resided with her father and only visited her mother a few times per year. The FLAG was completed with the family. The 17-year-old child was in counseling and the family denied that they needed any services



for the other child. WCDSS referred the family for DV services based on the 17-year-old child's report of DV in her mother's home.

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

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

An SCR report dated 8/26/05 was substantiated against the 17-year-old child's mother for the allegation of Inadequate Guardianship regarding the 17-year-old child.

An SCR report dated 5/29/08 was substantiated against another adult and the mother of the 17-year-old child for the allegation of Inadequate Guardianship regarding the 17-year-old child and against the other adult for Lacerations/Bruises/Welts regarding the 17-year-old child.

An SCR report dated 1/26/15 against another adult with allegations of Inadequate Guardianship and Lacerations/Bruises/Welts regarding the 17-year-old child was tracked FAR.

An SCR report dated 1/19/18 against the father of the 17-year-old child with allegations of Lack of Supervision regarding the 17-year-old child was tracked FAR.

Known CPS History Outside of NYS

There was no known CPS history outside of New York State.

Preventive Services History

A Preventive Services case was opened from 11/8/17-6/26/18 regarding the 17-year-old child and her father. The child was referred to PINS by the school due to behavioral issues and poor school attendance. The child started counseling and she was prescribed mental health medication. The child's attendance and behavioral issues improved and she was staying with a friend who was providing supervision to the child. The case closed at the end of the school year.

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

The 10/15/20 report was tracked appropriately to FAR and all allegations in the report were addressed. Safe sleeping protocols and birth control were also addressed in the case.

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