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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		



Case Information

Report Type: Child Deceased
Age: 1 year(s)

Jurisdiction: Wyoming
Gender: Male

Date of Death: 06/10/2019
Initial Date OCFS Notified: 06/10/2019

Presenting Information

An SCR report was received, which alleged on 6/9/19, the 18-month-old subject child and his mother were staying at the parent substitute's home. Between 7:30 and 7:45PM, the mother put the child to bed. The morning of 6/10/19, at approximately 8:17AM, the parent substitute found the child face down in the bed, deceased. The child had an open sore in the center of his forehead. He had a lump near his right eye brow for which there was no explanation. There was additional bruising on his body, though the severity of the bruising could not be determined due to the lividity that had occurred. A tourniquet and lighter were found under a pillow which the child was sleeping on. Smoking pipes, needles, and a small bag of white powder were found in the bed room where the child slept. There were knives out in the home that were accessible to the child. The child was an otherwise healthy child.

Executive Summary

Wyoming County Department of Social Services (WCDSS) received a report from the SCR on 6/10/19, concerning the death of the 18-month-old child. At the time of the child's death, he was in the care of his mother and her partner. There were no surviving siblings or other children residing in the home. The child's biological father passed away prior to the child's birth.

It was learned the child was at home with his mother, her partner, and two of their roommates at the time of the death. The mother and her partner alleged they do not remember the events of the day leading up to the child's death. The mother and her partner admitted to using illicit substances throughout the day and reported that was typical. The mother could not recall the day's events nor what she fed the child, but said there was nothing significant that happened. The mother believes she put the child to bed in his own bed around 7:50PM. The mother said she did not check on the child throughout the night, but the partner checked on him in the morning and found the child unresponsive around 7:50AM. The partner attempted CPR until EMS arrived. The child was not transported to the Hospital as he was pronounced deceased at the home by the Coroner.

At the time of this writing, the final autopsy had not yet been received from the ME's office. Preliminary reports from the Medical Examiner's office found the death to be due to natural causes. There were no signs of abuse or maltreatment noted in the preliminary report. Law Enforcement had an open investigation regarding the mother and her partner's drug use at the time of this writing.

WCDSS met New York State regulations and requirements pertaining to casework contacts, safety assessments, risk assessments, and the provision of services in the investigation. WCDSS contacted all necessary collaterals. At the time this report was written, the investigation had been closed and indicated for inadequate guardianship and parent's drug and alcohol abuse against the mother and her partner regarding the child. The adults were abusing illicit substances while acting as the sole caretaker for the child, additionally, they left drugs and paraphernalia where the child could access it. Bereavement services were offered to the family and the mother and her partner were referred for substance abuse services.

Findings Related to the CPS Investigation of the Fatality



Safety Assessment:

- Was sufficient information gathered to make the decision recorded on the:
 - Safety assessment due at the time of determination? 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:

WCDSS thoroughly investigated the allegations and determined the allegations appropriately.

Was the decision to close the case appropriate? Yes

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:

There was significant supervisory consultation. WCDSS appropriately arranged supports for the mother and her partner. WCDSS concluded their investigation, but it was unknown if the family utilized any of the referrals made as the mother and her partner's whereabouts could not be ascertained at the time of case closing.

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: 06/10/2019

Time of Death: Unknown

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

County where fatality incident occurred: Wyoming

Was 911 or local emergency number called? Yes

Time of Call: 08:17 AM

Did EMS respond to the scene? Yes

At time of incident leading to death, had child used alcohol or drugs? Unknown

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? 12 Hours

At time of incident supervisor was:

Drug Impaired

Absent

Alcohol Impaired

Asleep

Distracted

Impaired by illness

Impaired by disability

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	Male	1 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Mother	Alleged Perpetrator	Female	24 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Mother's Partner	Alleged Perpetrator	Male	28 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Other Adult - Roommate	Alleged Perpetrator	Male	32 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Other Adult - Roommate	Alleged Perpetrator	Male	35 Year(s)
Other Household 1	Grandparent	No Role	Male	68 Year(s)

LDSS Response

WCDSS received the report from the SCR on 6/10/19 and coordinated with LE, reviewed the CPS history, and notified the DA's office about the death. Throughout the investigation, collateral contacts were made with the source of the report, personal collaterals for the family, medical personnel, and various service providers. There were no surviving siblings or other children residing in the home.

Through interviews with the mother, it was learned the mother and her partner were illicit drug users and had used the day leading up to the fatality. The mother reported it was typical for her and her partner to use drugs and there was nothing out of the ordinary on that day. The mother could not recall what the child ate throughout the day nor could she remember much of what happened that day. The mother said the child went to sleep around 8:15PM. The mother said this was earlier than normal, but assumed it was because he did not take a nap during the day. The mother's partner woke around 7:50AM the next day and found the child unresponsive, in bed. The partner called 911 and attempted CPR until EMS arrived. Upon EMS arrival it was determined the child was deceased. The coroner arrived and pronounced the time of death as 9:22AM.

During the investigation, concerns arose for the mother and her partner's substance abuse. The child's biological father died while the mother was pregnant with the child due to an apparent drug overdose. The mother and her partner admitted to intravenous drug use and alcohol use. WCDSS provided the parents with referrals for substance abuse counseling due to the current and historical substance abuse concerns. Both the mother and her partner indicated they had no children aside from the decedent.

In reviewing the historical cases, it was learned the mother used illicit substances during her pregnancy. The mother was



tested regularly immediately following the birth and tested negative on all subsequent urine toxicology tests. The child was born with several congenital abnormalities and had surgery for his condition. The preliminary findings of the autopsy and conversations with the ME determined that the child’s medical condition did not contribute to his death.

In response to the fatality, WCDSS accurately determined the allegations after conducting a thorough investigation. After the child passed away, neither parent had any children in their care. WCDSS provided the family with a multitude of community based services, but it is unknown if these services were utilized as the parents' whereabouts could not be ascertained at the time of this writing. WCDSS concluded their involvement at an appropriate time when all necessary information was gathered and services were offered.

Official Manner and Cause of Death

Official Manner: Pending

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

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

Comments: There is no OCFS approved Child Fatality Review Team in Wyoming County.

SCR Fatality Report Summary

Alleged Victim(s)	Alleged Perpetrator(s)	Allegation(s)	Allegation Outcome
051421 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Yrs	051422 - Mother, Female, 24 Year(s)	DOA / Fatality	Unsubstantiated
051421 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Yrs	051423 - Mother's Partner, Male, 28 Year(s)	Lacerations / Bruises / Welts	Unsubstantiated
051421 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Yrs	051424 - Other Adult - Roommate , Male, 32 Year(s)	DOA / Fatality	Unsubstantiated
051421 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Yrs	051423 - Mother's Partner, Male, 28 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated
051421 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Yrs	051424 - Other Adult - Roommate , Male, 32 Year(s)	Lacerations / Bruises / Welts	Unsubstantiated
051421 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Yrs	051425 - Other Adult - Roommate , Male, 35 Year(s)	Lacerations / Bruises / Welts	Unsubstantiated
051421 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Yrs	051422 - Mother, Female, 24 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated
051421 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Yrs	051425 - Other Adult - Roommate , Male, 35 Year(s)	DOA / Fatality	Unsubstantiated
051421 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Yrs	051423 - Mother's Partner, Male, 28 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated
051421 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Yrs	051423 - Mother's Partner, Male, 28 Year(s)	DOA / Fatality	Unsubstantiated

**Child Fatality Report**

051421 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Yrs	051422 - Mother, Female, 24 Year(s)	Lacerations / Bruises / Welts	Unsubstantiated
051421 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Yrs	051422 - Mother, Female, 24 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated

CPS Fatality Casework/Investigative Activities

	Yes	No	N/A	Unable to Determine
All children observed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All 'other persons named' interviewed face-to-face?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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:
WCDSS offered a multitude of services to the mother and her partner immediately following the death. WCDSS offered referrals for substance abuse treatment, bereavement counseling, and mental health counseling. It is unknown if any services were utilized as the mother and her partner's whereabouts could not be ascertained at the time the investigation was closed.

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 siblings or other children in the household.

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

Explain:
The mother and her partner were referred to community based services including, substance abuse treatment, mental health services, and bereavement counseling. It was unknown if these services were utilized as the mother and her partner were unable to be located at the time of this writing.

History Prior to the Fatality

Child Information

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

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)
01/02/2019	Deceased Child, Male, 1 Years	Mother, Female, 24 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	No

Report Summary:

Cattaraugus County Department of Social Services (CCDSS) received an SCR report on 1/2/19, which alleged the subject child had two medical procedures within the year for a congenital abnormality that affected his breathing. After discharge from the hospital, the child was supposed to see an ear, nose, throat specialist regularly for monitoring of the condition. However, the mother had missed several appointments and failed to take the child to a specialist. The mother was unable to be reached and did not have a stable residence for the child. At the time of the intake report, she was staying with family where there was drug activity.

Report Determination: Unfounded**Date of Determination:** 05/23/2019**Basis for Determination:**

CCDSS determined they were unable to complete the investigative conclusion as the mother and child moved out of their county and the department was unable to ascertain their whereabouts. CCDSS made numerous attempts to interview the mother and assess the child to no avail.

OCFS Review Results:

CCDSS completed numerous WMS checks, requested Lexus/Nexus report, DMV report, assistance from neighboring county departments and support collection units. All attempts made were met with negative results. CCDSS was unable to locate the mother or child. They completed all necessary casework activity in a timely manner.

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)
07/25/2018	Deceased Child, Male, 7 Months	Mother, Female, 23 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	No
	Deceased Child, Male, 7 Months	Mother, Female, 23 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated	
	Deceased Child, Male, 7 Months	Other Adult - Roommate , Female, 27 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Deceased Child, Male, 7 Months	Other Adult - Roommate , Female, 27 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated	
	Deceased Child, Male, 7 Months	Mother, Female, 23 Years	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated	

Report Summary:

An SCR report was received on 7/25/2018, which alleged the mother and her cousin were abusing illicit substances to impairment while caring for the subject child who was 7-months-old at the time. The week prior, the mother was impaired on heroin and passed out leaving the child unattended.

Report Determination: Unfounded**Date of Determination:** 01/22/2019

**Basis for Determination:**

Cattaraugus County Department of Social Services (CCDSS) determined there was no credible evidence to substantiate the allegations. The child was observed to be healthy and safe during each home visit and the mother was not observed to be under the influence at any time during the investigation. At the time of case closing, an investigation remained open with new concerns that came in during the investigation.

OCFS Review Results:

CCDSS assessed safety of the child within the required timeframe. CCDSS fully completed all casework activity in a timely fashion, commensurate with case circumstances. CCDSS appropriately determined the allegations given the information obtained during the investigation and offered a multitude of services prior to closing their case.

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)
12/12/2017	Deceased Child, Male, 2 Days	Mother, Female, 22 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	No
	Deceased Child, Male, 2 Days	Mother, Female, 22 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated	

Report Summary:

Cattaraugus County Department of Social Services received a report alleging that, at the time the subject child was born, the mother tested positive for illicit substances.

Report Determination: Unfounded

Date of Determination: 04/30/2018

Basis for Determination:

CCDSS determined there was no credible evidence to substantiate the allegations. The mother tested positive for illicit substances at the time of the child's birth, but the child did not test positive. There was no evidence that the mother's positive toxicology had a negative impact on the newborn child.

OCFS Review Results:

CCDSS assessed safety of the of the child within the required timeframe. CCDSS fully completed all casework activity in a timely fashion, commensurate with case circumstances. CCDSS appropriately determined the allegations given the information obtained during the investigation and offered a multitude of services prior to closing their case.

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)
01/25/2017	Other Child - Other Adult's Child , Female, 6 Years	Mother, Female, 22 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	No
	Other Child - Other Adult's Child , Female, 6 Years	Mother, Female, 22 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - Other Adult's Child, Male, 13 Years	Mother, Female, 22 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - Other Adult's Child, Male, 13 Years	Mother, Female, 22 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - Other Adult's Child , Female, 6 Years	Other Adult - The Mother's Friend, Female, 40 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	



Other Child - Other Adult's Child , Female, 6 Years	Other Adult - The Mother's Friend, Female, 40 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Other Adult's Child, Male, 13 Years	Other Adult - The Mother's Friend, Female, 40 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Other Adult's Child, Male, 13 Years	Other Adult - The Mother's Friend, Female, 40 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Other Adult's Child , Female, 6 Years	Other Adult - The Mother's Friend, Male, 38 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Other Adult's Child , Female, 6 Years	Other Adult - The Mother's Friend, Male, 38 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Other Adult's Child, Male, 13 Years	Other Adult - The Mother's Friend, Male, 38 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Other Adult's Child, Male, 13 Years	Other Adult - The Mother's Friend, Male, 38 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Other Adult's Child , Female, 6 Years	Father, Male, 35 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Other Adult's Child , Female, 6 Years	Father, Male, 35 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Other Adult's Child, Male, 13 Years	Father, Male, 35 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Other Adult's Child, Male, 13 Years	Father, Male, 35 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated

Report Summary:

Erie County Department of Social Services (ECDSS) received a report alleging the mother had moved in with friends and was abusing illicit substances while caring for her friend's children. Additionally, concerns arose that the mom and her friends became violent and physically fight while under the influence of substances.

Report Determination: Unfounded

Date of Determination: 03/08/2017

Basis for Determination:

ECDSS determined there was no credible evidence to support the allegations that the mother was using illicit substance while acting as a caretaker for the other adults' children. Further, there was no evidence that the mother was engaging in physical arguments with any adults in the presence of the children. Through interviews, ECDSS found that the mother was not living in the home with her friends and only visited occasionally.

OCFS Review Results:

ECDSS contacted all necessary collaterals and appropriately determined the report after a thorough investigation. The safety and risk assessments were fitting to the case circumstances. Notice of Existence Letters were provided to the required adults. ECDSS referred the parents for drug treatment and closed the case upon determining that no additional services were necessary.

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

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

There was no history more than three years prior to the fatality.

Known CPS History Outside of NYS

There was no known CPS history outside of NYS.



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