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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.



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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	



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Case Information

Report Type: Child Deceased
Age: 3 month(s)

Jurisdiction: St. Lawrence
Gender: Male

Date of Death: 12/15/2019
Initial Date OCFS Notified: 12/16/2019

Presenting Information

Two SCR reports were received regarding the death of the three-month-old subject infant. It was alleged on 12/15/19 at 5:30 AM, the mother went to check on the infant and she found him cyanotic and unresponsive in his portable crib. CPR was attempted with no response and law enforcement was called to the residence. The infant was pronounced deceased at the hospital. The infant had been sick with a fever and cough for the past week and the mother failed to seek medical treatment. It was also alleged there was no heat in the home, the children were left unsupervised while the three adults went to bars and the adults used marijuana and alcohol to impairment in the presence of the children.

Executive Summary

St. Lawrence County Department of Social Services (SLCDSS) received two SCR reports on 12/16/19, regarding the death of the three-month-old male infant that occurred on 12/15/19. The mother and infant resided with the mother's friend (OA1), the friend's four children, the friend's partner (OA2) and their four-year-old child. SLCDSS had two open CPS investigations at the time of the infant's death, which were received on 8/22/19 and 10/18/19, with concerns for domestic violence between the mother's friend and her partner and alleged there was no heat in the home.

SLCDSS conducted a joint investigation with law enforcement and learned that on 12/15/19, the mother checked on the infant at 5:50 AM and discovered he was unresponsive in his portable crib. She brought the infant into her friend's bedroom and her friend's partner called 911 and began CPR. The mother's friend took over CPR while her partner went outside to wait for first responders. First responders performed life-saving measures and they transported the infant to the hospital via ambulance. Resuscitative efforts were unsuccessful, and the infant was pronounced deceased at the hospital at 6:50 AM.

An autopsy was performed, and the results were pending at the time this report was written. Law enforcement reported there were no suspicious marks or bruises on the infant's body, and he had some fluid in his lungs. The detective stated that the medical examiner ruled the preliminary cause of death to be SIDS, and they had found no foul play or reason to suspect anything other than SIDS. The criminal investigation remained open pending the final autopsy results.

SLCDSS assessed the home to have heat and to contain no safety hazards. The portable crib the infant was sleeping in contained a stuffed animal, blankets and a u-shaped pillow, despite SLCDSS having previously educated the mother about safe sleep guidelines. The mother reported the infant had been sick with a cough and runny nose for a week prior to the incident and she had a doctor's appointment scheduled for 12/17/19. She reported the infant had two pediatricians and SLCDSS only contacted one pediatrician, who reported having no records for the infant since birth. The mother reported she did not know who the father of the infant was and there was no father listed on the birth certificate. The surviving children were assessed to be safe in the care of their parents.

SLCDSS documented that they unsubstantiated the allegation of DOA/Fatality as there was no suspicion surrounding the infant's death. The basis for unsubstantiating the remaining allegations was not documented in the Investigation Conclusion Narrative.

SLCDSS referred the mother for mental health and chemical dependency services.

PIP Requirement



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For practice issues identified, SLCDSS will submit a PIP to the Syracuse Regional Office within 30 days of receipt of this report. The PIP will identify action(s) SLCDSS has taken, or will take, to address the cited issue(s). For issues where a PIP is currently implemented, SLCDSS 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?** 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?** No, sufficient information was gathered to determine some allegations only.
- **Was the determination made by the district to unfound or indicate appropriate?** Unable to Determine

Explain:

There was not enough information gathered about the position of the infant at the time of the incident and whether the unsafe sleep environment had a negative impact on the infant.

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:

Casework activity was commensurate with 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



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Date of Death: 12/15/2019

Time of Death: 06:50 AM

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

Unknown

County where fatality incident occurred:

St. Lawrence

Was 911 or local emergency number called?

Yes

Time of Call:

05:52 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? 4 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	3 Month(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Mother	Alleged Perpetrator	Female	23 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Other Adult - OA1	Alleged Perpetrator	Female	32 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Other Adult - OA2	Alleged Perpetrator	Male	34 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Other Child - OA1's Child	Alleged Victim	Male	13 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Other Child - OA1's Child	Alleged Victim	Female	11 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Other Child - OA1's Child	Alleged Victim	Male	10 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Other Child - OA1's Child	Alleged Victim	Female	7 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Other Child - OA2's Child	Alleged Victim	Male	4 Year(s)
Other Household 1	Other Adult - Father of OA1's Children	No Role	Male	34 Year(s)

LDSS Response

SLCDSS began their investigation of the infant's death upon receipt of the SCR report on 12/16/19. They reviewed SCR history and contacted the source of the report and the DA's office. They assessed the four-year-old child to be safe at his



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grandparent's home and the four older children were assessed to be safe at their father's home.

SLCDSS met with law enforcement and reviewed photos of the home and statements provided by OA1, OA2 and first responders. The photos showed the portable crib was in the mother's bedroom and it contained blankets, a stuffed toy and a u-shaped pillow to prevent the infant from rolling over. The mother reported to law enforcement that she last fed the infant at 1:30 AM. She woke to feed him at 5:30 AM, which was his normal schedule, and she found him not breathing. The mother reported the infant had a respiratory infection and she was going to take him to urgent care the night prior but due to the snow she decided to wait till morning.

OA2 reported to law enforcement that he returned home from work on 12/14/19 around 9:30 PM. He did not see the infant and he assumed the infant was sleeping. On 12/15/19 around 5:30 AM, he heard the mother yelling that the infant was not breathing. He immediately called 911 when the mother brought the infant into their bedroom. He began CPR, then went outside to meet first responders. OA1 reported that on 12/15/19, she got up to use the bathroom around 1:15 AM and she saw the mother feeding the infant. She returned to bed and slept until around 5:30 AM when she heard the mother screaming that the infant was not breathing and that he was blue. The mother brought the infant into their bedroom and OA1 laid him on the bed while OA2 called 911. The infant was blue, and he had fluid coming out of his nose. OA1 reported OA2 followed instructions for CPR, then she took over while he went to meet first responders. OA1 reported she asked the mother where the infant was sleeping, and the mother replied in his bassinets.

SLCDSS spoke to the mother, OA1 and OA2 and assessed their home to be safe. The portable crib was observed to be empty and the mother reported OA1 took the items out of it after the incident. The mother did not provide details about the position the infant was in when she found him unresponsive, or whether his airway was obstructed by any objects in the crib. OA1 and OA2 stated that they used medical marijuana daily and the mother admitted to occasional marijuana use. They denied using drugs or alcohol in the presence of the children and they denied being under the influence on the night of the incident.

The four-year-old child was in the home and he was sleeping in another bedroom at the time of the incident. Attempts to interview him were unsuccessful since he was shy and he would not answer questions. OA1 shared custody of her four oldest children with their father and they were at their father's home on the night of the incident. The four children were interviewed at the CAC and they had no information regarding the infant's death. They reported the adults used marijuana regularly in their bedroom and reported incidents of fighting between OA1 and OA2. OA1's 13-year-old child reported he often watched the younger children while the three adults went to the bar.

The EMT reported to law enforcement that the infant was on the bed in the bedroom upon their arrival and he had no pulse. CPR continued in the ambulance on the way to the hospital and he did not regain a pulse. Hospital records showed the infant was in cardiac arrest upon arrival to the hospital and there were no signs of trauma.

The mother completed a chemical dependency evaluation, which yielded no treatment recommendations, and she scheduled an appointment for mental health services. The funeral home provided assistance for funeral expenses.

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



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

SCR Fatality Report Summary

Alleged Victim(s)	Alleged Perpetrator(s)	Allegation(s)	Allegation Outcome
053961 - Deceased Child, Male, 3 Mons	053963 - Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
053961 - Deceased Child, Male, 3 Mons	053962 - Mother, Female, 23 Year(s)	Lack of Medical Care	Unsubstantiated
053961 - Deceased Child, Male, 3 Mons	053962 - Mother, Female, 23 Year(s)	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated
053961 - Deceased Child, Male, 3 Mons	053962 - Mother, Female, 23 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
053961 - Deceased Child, Male, 3 Mons	053963 - Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Year(s)	DOA / Fatality	Unsubstantiated
053961 - Deceased Child, Male, 3 Mons	053963 - Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated
053961 - Deceased Child, Male, 3 Mons	053962 - Mother, Female, 23 Year(s)	DOA / Fatality	Unsubstantiated
053961 - Deceased Child, Male, 3 Mons	053963 - Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Year(s)	Lack of Medical Care	Unsubstantiated
053961 - Deceased Child, Male, 3 Mons	053963 - Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Year(s)	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated
053961 - Deceased Child, Male, 3 Mons	053963 - Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
053961 - Deceased Child, Male, 3 Mons	053964 - Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Year(s)	DOA / Fatality	Unsubstantiated
053961 - Deceased Child, Male, 3 Mons	053964 - Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated
053961 - Deceased Child, Male, 3 Mons	053964 - Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
053961 - Deceased Child, Male, 3 Mons	053964 - Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Year(s)	Lack of Medical Care	Unsubstantiated
053961 - Deceased Child, Male, 3 Mons	053964 - Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Year(s)	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated
053961 - Deceased Child, Male, 3 Mons	053964 - Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
053961 - Deceased Child, Male, 3 Mons	053962 - Mother, Female, 23 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
053961 - Deceased Child, Male, 3 Mons	053962 - Mother, Female, 23 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated
053965 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 13 Year(s)	053962 - Mother, Female, 23 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
053965 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 13 Year(s)	053964 - Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Year(s)	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated



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053965 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 13 Year(s)	053964 - Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
053965 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 13 Year(s)	053964 - Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
053965 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 13 Year(s)	053962 - Mother, Female, 23 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
053965 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 13 Year(s)	053963 - Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
053965 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 13 Year(s)	053963 - Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
053965 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 13 Year(s)	053962 - Mother, Female, 23 Year(s)	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated
053965 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 13 Year(s)	053963 - Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Year(s)	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated
053966 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 11 Year(s)	053962 - Mother, Female, 23 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
053966 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 11 Year(s)	053964 - Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
053966 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 11 Year(s)	053963 - Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
053966 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 11 Year(s)	053964 - Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Year(s)	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated
053966 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 11 Year(s)	053963 - Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
053966 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 11 Year(s)	053962 - Mother, Female, 23 Year(s)	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated
053966 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 11 Year(s)	053964 - Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
053966 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 11 Year(s)	053962 - Mother, Female, 23 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
053966 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 11 Year(s)	053963 - Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Year(s)	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated
053967 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 10 Year(s)	053962 - Mother, Female, 23 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
053967 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 10 Year(s)	053963 - Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
053967 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 10 Year(s)	053964 - Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
053967 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 10 Year(s)	053962 - Mother, Female, 23 Year(s)	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated
053967 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 10 Year(s)	053964 - Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Year(s)	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated
053967 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 10 Year(s)	053962 - Mother, Female, 23 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
053967 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 10 Year(s)	053964 - Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated



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053967 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 10 Year(s)	053963 - Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Year(s)	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated
053967 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 10 Year(s)	053963 - Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
053968 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 7 Year(s)	053962 - Mother, Female, 23 Year(s)	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated
053968 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 7 Year(s)	053962 - Mother, Female, 23 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
053968 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 7 Year(s)	053962 - Mother, Female, 23 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
053968 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 7 Year(s)	053964 - Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
053968 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 7 Year(s)	053964 - Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Year(s)	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated
053968 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 7 Year(s)	053963 - Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Year(s)	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated
053968 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 7 Year(s)	053964 - Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
053968 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 7 Year(s)	053963 - Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
053968 - Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 7 Year(s)	053963 - Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
053969 - Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 4 Year(s)	053964 - Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
053969 - Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 4 Year(s)	053964 - Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated
053969 - Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 4 Year(s)	053963 - Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
053969 - Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 4 Year(s)	053963 - Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Year(s)	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated
053969 - Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 4 Year(s)	053963 - Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
053969 - Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 4 Year(s)	053962 - Mother, Female, 23 Year(s)	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated
053969 - Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 4 Year(s)	053962 - Mother, Female, 23 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated
053969 - Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 4 Year(s)	053962 - Mother, Female, 23 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
053969 - Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 4 Year(s)	053962 - Mother, Female, 23 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated
053969 - Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 4 Year(s)	053964 - Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Year(s)	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated
053969 - Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 4 Year(s)	053963 - Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated
053969 - Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 4 Year(s)	053964 - Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated



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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



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	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 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 and the mother was referred for a chemical dependency evaluation.

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"/>

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 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"/>



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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 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"/>

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:

OA1 and OA2 were provided with information on bereavement services and they did not feel the children required any services.

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

Explain:

The mother was provided with information on mental health and grief services and the funeral expenses were paid for by the funeral home.

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? N/A
- Was the child acutely ill during the two weeks before death? Yes

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



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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)
10/18/2019	Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 13 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated	Yes
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 13 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 11 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 11 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 10 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 10 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 3 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 3 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Deceased Child, Male, 1 Months	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated	
	Deceased Child, Male, 1 Months	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 32 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 13 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 13 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 11 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 11 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 10 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 10 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 3 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 3 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Deceased Child, Male, 1 Months	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated	
	Deceased Child, Male, 1 Months	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	



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Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 13 Years	Mother, Female, 23 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 13 Years	Mother, Female, 23 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 11 Years	Mother, Female, 23 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 11 Years	Mother, Female, 23 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 10 Years	Mother, Female, 23 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 10 Years	Mother, Female, 23 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 3 Years	Mother, Female, 23 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 3 Years	Mother, Female, 23 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
Deceased Child, Male, 1 Months	Mother, Female, 23 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Unsubstantiated
Deceased Child, Male, 1 Months	Mother, Female, 23 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 7 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated

Report Summary:

An SCR report alleged on an unknown date, OA2 assaulted OA1 in the presence of the children. A subsequent SCR report was received on 10/28/19, that alleged there was no heat or hot water in the home and the children were cold.

Report Determination: Unfounded

Date of Determination: 01/16/2019

Basis for Determination:

All allegations were unsubstantiated. OA2 assaulted OA1 in the presence of the children in August 2019 and each child reported a negative effect. OA2 was arrested and a refrain from order of protection was issued. OA2 returned to the home and they planned to engage in counseling. SLCDSS notified the adults family court intervention would be sought if there was another incident. The home was heated with space heaters and the family had access to hot water. There were no health or safety concerns found in the home and the children did not report being scared of anyone.

OCFS Review Results:

SLCDSS conducted home visits and interviewed all family members. There were no documented attempts to obtain the identify of the subject infant's father or to notify him of the report. Notice of Existence Letters were provided to the other adults, an SCR history review was conducted, and safety assessments were completed within the required timeframes. Safe sleep education was provided to the mother and a safe sleeping environment was observed for the subject infant.

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

Issue:

Failure to provide notice of report

Summary:

There were no documented attempts to obtain the identify of the subject infant's father or to notify him of the report.

Legal Reference:

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

Action:



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SLCDSS will make diligent efforts to contact absent parent(s) of children named in a report and will send a Notice of Existence letter if contact information is available within seven days of receipt of the report.

Date of SCR Report	Alleged Victim(s)	Alleged Perpetrator(s)	Allegation(s)	Allegation Outcome	Compliance Issue(s)
08/22/2019	Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 13 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 31 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	Yes
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 11 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 31 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 10 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 31 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 7 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 31 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 3 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 31 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 13 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 11 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 10 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 7 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated	
	Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 3 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 34 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated	

Report Summary:

An SCR report alleged there was a history of domestic violence between OA1 and OA2 in the presence of the children. On 8/19/19, OA2 physically assaulted OA1 while the children were in the home and OA2 was arrested. OA1 allowed OA2 back into the home that night, placing the children at risk of harm.

Report Determination: Indicated**Date of Determination:** 02/13/2020**Basis for Determination:**

The allegations against OA2 were substantiated as he assaulted OA1 in the presence of the children and each child reported a negative effect. OA2 was arrested and a refrain from order of protection was issued. OA2 returned to the home and they planned to engage in counseling. SLCDSS notified the adults family court intervention would be sought if there was another incident.

OCFS Review Results:

The only person interviewed privately was OA1. There was no documentation of private interviews with the children, OA2, or any follow up with the family after 8/23/19. The mother was a household member and the subject infant was born on 8/26/19 and added to the household composition, although his safety was not assessed and safe sleep education was not provided. The 7-day Safety Assessment was completed late, Notice of Existence letters were mailed late, and the SCR history review was completed late. Two out of five progress notes were entered four months after the event date. The determination was not consistent with the 10/18/19 case, which was unfounded on 1/16/20 for the same incident.

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

Overall Completeness and Adequacy of Investigations



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Summary:

Private interviews were not conducted with all children, subjects and other persons named in the report and the subject infant's safety was not assessed. The SCR history review, 7-day safety assessment, Notice of Existence Letters and entry of progress notes did not adhere to the required timeframes. The determination was not consistent with the 8/22/19 case.

Legal Reference:

SSL 424.6 and 18 NYCRR 432.2(b)(3)

Action:

For each report of suspected child abuse or maltreatment, SLCDSS will conduct a complete investigation that adheres to all required timeframes.

Issue:

Failure to provide safe sleep education/information

Summary:

The subject infant was born during the investigation and SLCDSS did not provide safe sleep education to the mother.

Legal Reference:

13-OCFS-ADM-02

Action:

SLCDSS will provide information on sleep safety to the parents and caretakers of infants and parents-to-be whom they encounter and see that parents and caretakers take the steps necessary to provide safe sleeping conditions for the children in their care.

Date of SCR Report	Alleged Victim(s)	Alleged Perpetrator(s)	Allegation(s)	Allegation Outcome	Compliance Issue(s)
06/19/2019	Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 13 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 31 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated	Yes
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 13 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 31 Years	Lack of Supervision	Substantiated	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 13 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 31 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 13 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 31 Years	Other	Substantiated	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 11 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 31 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 11 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 31 Years	Lack of Supervision	Substantiated	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 11 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 31 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 11 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 31 Years	Other	Substantiated	
	Other Child - OA1's Child, Male, 10 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 31 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated	
	Other Child - OA1's Child, Male, 10 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 31 Years	Lack of Supervision	Substantiated	
	Other Child - OA1's Child, Male, 10 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 31 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated	



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Other Child - OA1's Child, Male, 10 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 31 Years	Other	Substantiated
Other Child - OA1's Child, Female, 7 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 31 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated
Other Child - OA1's Child, Female, 7 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 31 Years	Lack of Supervision	Substantiated
Other Child - OA1's Child, Female, 7 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 31 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated
Other Child - OA1's Child, Female, 7 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 31 Years	Other	Substantiated
Other Child - OA1's Child, Male, 13 Years	Other Adult - Father of OA1's Children, Male, 34 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated
Other Child - OA1's Child, Male, 13 Years	Other Adult - Father of OA1's Children, Male, 34 Years	Other	Substantiated
Other Child - OA1's Child, Female, 11 Years	Other Adult - Father of OA1's Children, Male, 34 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated
Other Child - OA1's Child, Female, 11 Years	Other Adult - Father of OA1's Children, Male, 34 Years	Other	Substantiated
Other Child - OA1's Child, Male, 10 Years	Other Adult - Father of OA1's Children, Male, 34 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated
Other Child - OA1's Child, Male, 10 Years	Other Adult - Father of OA1's Children, Male, 34 Years	Other	Substantiated
Other Child - OA1's Child, Female, 7 Years	Other Adult - Father of OA1's Children, Male, 34 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated
Other Child - OA1's Child, Female, 7 Years	Other Adult - Father of OA1's Children, Male, 34 Years	Other	Substantiated
Other Child - OA1's Child, Male, 13 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 33 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated
Other Child - OA1's Child, Female, 11 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 33 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated
Other Child - OA1's Child, Male, 10 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 33 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated
Other Child - OA1's Child, Female, 7 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 33 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated

Report Summary:

St. Lawrence County Family Court judge ordered a 1034 court ordered investigation regarding OA1, her children and their father.

Report Determination: Indicated

Date of Determination: 09/13/2019

Basis for Determination:

The allegations were substantiated as the children reported OA2 was smoking marijuana in their presence, the children consumed alcohol on one occasion at OA1's home and the children's father drank alcohol and drove with the children in his car. The family court order was amended, OA2 moved out of OA1's home and the parents worked with chemical dependency services.

OCFS Review Results:

SLCDSS interviewed all family members, conducted home visits at OA1 and her children's father's home and contacted necessary collaterals. They searched SCR history, contacted all necessary collaterals and completed safety assessments



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and the RAP accurately. Although the safety of the children was assessed within 7 days, the Safety Assessment was not completed in Connections until 7/10/19.

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

Issue:

Timely/Adequate Seven Day Assessment

Summary:

Although the safety of the children was assessed within 7 days, the Safety Assessment was not completed in Connections until 7/10/19.

Legal Reference:

SSL 424(3);18 NYCRR432.2(b)(3)(ii)(c)

Action:

SLCDSS will complete all safety assessments within the required timeframe.

Date of SCR Report	Alleged Victim(s)	Alleged Perpetrator(s)	Allegation(s)	Status/Outcome	Compliance Issue(s)
07/24/2017	Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 1 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Far-Closed	No
	Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 1 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Lack of Supervision	Far-Closed	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 4 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Far-Closed	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 4 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Lack of Supervision	Far-Closed	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 8 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Far-Closed	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 8 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Lack of Supervision	Far-Closed	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 9 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Far-Closed	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 9 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Lack of Supervision	Far-Closed	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 11 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Far-Closed	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 11 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Lack of Supervision	Far-Closed	
	Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 1 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Far-Closed	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 4 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Far-Closed	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 8 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Far-Closed	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 9 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Far-Closed	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 11 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Far-Closed	



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Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 1 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 31 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 1 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 31 Years	Lack of Supervision	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 4 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 31 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 4 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 31 Years	Lack of Supervision	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 8 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 31 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 8 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 31 Years	Lack of Supervision	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 9 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 31 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 9 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 31 Years	Lack of Supervision	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 11 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 31 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 11 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 31 Years	Lack of Supervision	Far-Closed

Report Summary:

An SCR report was tracked FAR that alleged on 7/22/17, OA1 was intoxicated while caring for the children at a bonfire. She was stumbling, slurring her words, and unable to care for the children. The children were inside the home unsupervised from 7:00 PM until after 4:00 AM.

OCFS Review Results:

SLCDSS appropriately tracked the case FAR. The 7-day Safety Assessment was completed accurately and timely, home visits were conducted, and all family members were spoken to. A Flag was completed with the family, the necessary collaterals were contacted and the appropriate service referrals were made prior to case closure.

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)
05/29/2017	Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 1 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Far-Closed	No
	Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 1 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Lack of Supervision	Far-Closed	
	Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 1 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Far-Closed	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 4 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Far-Closed	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 4 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Far-Closed	
	Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 4 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Lack of Supervision	Far-Closed	



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Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 4 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 8 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 8 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 8 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Lack of Supervision	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 8 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 9 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 9 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 9 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Lack of Supervision	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 9 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 11 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 11 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 11 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Lack of Supervision	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 11 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 1 Years	Other Adult - OA1, Female, 29 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 1 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 31 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 1 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 31 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 1 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 31 Years	Lack of Supervision	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA2's Child , Male, 1 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 31 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 4 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 31 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 4 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 31 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 4 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 31 Years	Lack of Supervision	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 4 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 31 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 8 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 31 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Far-Closed



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Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 8 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 31 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 8 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 31 Years	Lack of Supervision	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 8 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 31 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 9 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 31 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 9 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 31 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 9 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 31 Years	Lack of Supervision	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Female, 9 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 31 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 11 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 31 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 11 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 31 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 11 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 31 Years	Lack of Supervision	Far-Closed
Other Child - OA1's Child , Male, 11 Years	Other Adult - OA2, Male, 31 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Far-Closed

Report Summary:

An SCR report was tracked FAR that alleged OA1 and OA2 smoked marijuana in the presence of the children everyday for the past several years. A subsequent SCR report was received 6/23/17 with concerns OA1, OA2 and their children were homeless.

OCFS Review Results:

SLCDSS appropriately tracked the case FAR. The 7-day Safety Assessment was completed accurately and timely, home visits were conducted, and all family members were spoken to. A Flag was completed with the family, the necessary collaterals were contacted and the appropriate service referrals were made prior to case closure.

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

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

There were four FAR cases and four unfounded SCR reports between 2011 and 2016 regarding OA1 and her children. An SCR report dated 4/9/13 was indicated against OA1 for the allegations of Inadequate Guardianship and Lack of Supervision regarding her children.

Known CPS History Outside of NYS

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



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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

SLC CPS could benefit from training and assistance around details needed in documentation - ie: position of the infant, and other procedural requirements. With new staff, OCFS guidance and training would be helpful to ensure requirements are met.

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