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This report, prepared pursuant to section 20(5) of the Social Services Law (SSL), concerns:

- A report made to the New York Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment (SCR) involving the death of a child.
- The death of a child for whom child protective services has an open case.
- The death of a child whose care and custody or custody and guardianship has been transferred to an authorized agency.
- The death of a child for whom the local department of social services has an open preventive service case.

The Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) is mandated by section 20 of the SSL to investigate or cause for the investigation of the cause and circumstances surrounding the death, review such investigation, and prepare and issue a fatality report in regard to the categories of deaths noted above involving a child, except where a local or regional fatality review team issues a report, as authorized by law.

Such report must include: the cause of death; the identification of child protective or other services provided or actions taken regard to such child and child’s family; any extraordinary or pertinent information concerning the circumstances of the child’s death; whether the child or the child’s family received assistance, care or services from the social services district prior to the child’s death; any action or further investigation undertaken by OCFS or the social services district since the child’s death; and as appropriate, recommendations for local or state administrative or policy changes.

This report contains no information that would identify the deceased child, his or her siblings, the parent, parents, or other persons legally responsible for the child, and any members of the deceased child’s household.

By statute, this report will be forwarded to the social services district, chief county executive officer, chairperson of the local legislative body of the county where the child died and the social services district that had legal custody of the child, if different. Notice of the issuance of this report will be sent to the Speaker of the Assembly and the Temporary President of the Senate of the State of New York.

This report may **only** be disclosed to the public by OCFS pursuant to section 20(5) of the SSL. **It may be released by OCFS only after OCFS has determined that such disclosure is not contrary to the best interests of the deceased child’s siblings or other children in the household.**

OCFS’ review included an examination of actions taken by individual caseworkers and supervisors within the social services district and agencies under contract with the social services district. The observations and recommendations contained in this report reflect OCFS’ assessment and the performance of these agencies.



## Abbreviations

Relationships		
BM-Biological Mother	SM-Subject Mother	SC-Subject Child
BF-Biological Father	SF-Subject Father	OC-Other Child
MGM-Maternal Grand Mother	MGF-Maternal Grand Father	FF-Foster Father
PGM-Paternal Grand Mother	PGF-Paternal Grand Father	DCP-Day Care Provider
MGGM-Maternal Great Grand Mother	MGGF-Maternal Great Grand Father	PGGF-Paternal Great Grand Father
PGGM-Paternal Great Grand Mother	MA/MU-Maternal Aunt/Maternal Uncle	PA/PU-Paternal Aunt/Paternal Uncle
FM-Foster Mother	SS-Surviving Sibling	PS-Parent Sub
CH/CHN-Child/Children	OA-Other Adult	
Contacts		
LE-Law Enforcement	CW-Case Worker	CP-Case Planner
Dr.-Doctor	ME-Medical Examiner	EMS-Emergency Medical Services
DC-Day Care	FD-Fire Department	BM-Biological Mother
CPS-Child Protective Services		
Allegations		
FX-Fractures	II-Internal Injuries	L/B/W-Lacerations/Bruises/Welts
S/D/S-Swelling/Dislocation/Sprains	C/T/S-Choking/Twisting/Shaking	B/S-Burns/Scalding
P/Nx-Poisoning/ Noxious Substance	XCP-Excessive Corporal Punishment	PD/AM-Parent's Drug Alcohol Misuse
CD/A-Child's Drug/Alcohol Use	LMC-Lack of Medical Care	EdN-Educational Neglect
EN-Emotional Neglect	SA-Sexual Abuse	M/FTTH-Malnutrition/Failure-to-thrive
IF/C/S-Inadequate Food/ Clothing/ Shelter	IG-Inadequate Guardianship	LS-Lack of Supervision
Ab-Abandonment	OTH/COI-Other	
Miscellaneous		
IND-Indicated	UNF-Unfounded	SO-Sexual Offender
Sub-Substantiated	Unsub-Unsubstantiated	DV-Domestic Violence
LDSS-Local Department of Social Service	ACS-Administration for Children's Services	NYPD-New York City Police Department
PPRS-Purchased Preventive Rehabilitative Services	TANF-Temporary Assistance to Needy Families	FC-Foster Care
MH-Mental Health	ER-Emergency Room	COS-Court Ordered Services
OP-Order of Protection	RAP-Risk Assessment Profile	FASP-Family Assessment Plan
FAR-Family Assessment Response	Hx-History	Tx-Treatment
CAC-Child Advocacy Center	PIP-Program Improvement Plan	yo- year(s) old
CPR-Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	ASTO-Allowing Sex Abuse to Occur	



## Case Information

**Report Type:** Child Deceased  
**Age:** 6 year(s)

**Jurisdiction:** Rensselaer  
**Gender:** Male

**Date of Death:** 02/11/2020  
**Initial Date OCFS Notified:** 02/12/2020

## Presenting Information

Rensselaer County Department of Social Services received a report from the SCR alleging, on 2/9/20 the mother found the subject child unresponsive in the bathtub. The child was in the bathtub for a brief period of time before being found unresponsive. At approximately 2PM, the child was brought to the ER by first responders. The subject child passed away on 2/11/20. The initial evaluation determined the subject child had drowned. The child did not have any preexisting conditions. The child had suspicious bruising on his arms and feet when he was found unresponsive. The child was in the care of his mother and the parent substitute at the time he was discovered unresponsive.

## Executive Summary

Rensselaer County Department of Social Services received a subsequent report from the SCR on 2/12/20, concerning the death of the 6-year-old child. The child was found unresponsive in the bathtub at home, by his mother and her partner on 2/9/20. On 2/11/20, the child was taken off life support and pronounced dead at 11:01PM.

The subject child resided at home with the mother, her partner, and a 2-year-old surviving sibling. The sibling was assessed immediately upon receipt of the initial report on 2/9/20. An immediate safety plan was put in place for the sibling due to the conditions surrounding the subject child's death. The sibling was placed in the care and custody of RCDSS as there were no familial resources available. The child remained in a foster home at the time of this writing.

The mother and her partner said they allowed the subject child to draw himself a bath and found him unresponsive in the tub after a period. Both reported it was typical for the child to run his own bathwater. The information the adults provided was later contradicted by cell phone records which showed the partner was home alone caring for the subject child when he became unresponsive.

RCDSS completed a joint investigation with Troy Police Department. Troy Police arrested the mother's partner on 4/30/20 and charged him with Murder in the 2nd degree for the death of the subject child. At the time of this writing, the mother's partner remained incarcerated pending trial. Due to the criminal investigation, RCDSS was unable to gather additional information related to the arrest. According to the Troy PD at the time of this writing, the mother may be facing criminal charges regarding the subject child's death.

An autopsy was completed, and the immediate cause of death was listed as multiple system injury due to or as a cause of shock and hypothermia. The autopsy revealed damage to many vital organs by shock. The shock was due to hypothermia, which was the result of being exposed to low environmental temperatures for a sufficient period of time to bring the subject child's body temperature low enough to cause irreversible shock.

RCDSS contacted all necessary collaterals and determined there was credible evidence to substantiate the allegations of inadequate guardianship, internal injuries, lack of supervision, and DOA/fatality against the mother and her partner regarding the subject child. Additionally, RCDSS determined there was enough evidence to add and substantiate inadequate guardianship against the mother and her partner for the surviving sibling. RCDSS determined the child received fatal injuries while in the care of his mother and her partner. Neither the mother nor her partner have revealed how the child sustained his fatal injuries thus RCDSS substantiated allegations against both adults as they were the last adults caring for the child before he sustained his fatal injuries. RCDSS added and indicated allegations for educational neglect against the mother and her partner regarding the subject child. The child was not enrolled in an educational



program for the 2019/2020 school year. RCDSS received a subsequent report after the child's death with the allegation of Other, as a result of an Ulster County family court judge ordering a 1034 investigation. RCDSS determined there was no credible evidence to substantiate the allegation of "Other" as the Ulster County Family Court judge provided no concerns or allegations to be investigated. The mother was receptive to services and was working on completing required services through the RCDSS foster care department.

## Findings Related to the CPS Investigation of the Fatality

### Safety Assessment:

- **Was sufficient information gathered to make the decision recorded on the:**
  - **Approved Initial Safety Assessment?** Yes
  - **Safety assessment due at the time of determination?** Yes
- **Was the safety decision on the approved Initial Safety Assessment appropriate?** Yes

### Determination:

- **Was sufficient information gathered to make determination(s) for all allegations as well as any others identified in the course of the investigation?** Yes, sufficient information was gathered to determine all allegations.
- **Was the determination made by the district to unfound or indicate appropriate?** Yes

### Explain:

Casework activity was commensurate with case circumstances.

**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 best casework practice as outlined in the CPS manual.

## Required Actions Related to the Fatality

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

## Fatality-Related Information and Investigative Activities

### Incident Information



**Date of Death:** 02/11/2020

**Time of Death:** 11:01 PM

**Date of fatal incident, if different than date of death:**

02/09/2020

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

Unknown

**County where fatality incident occurred:**

Rensselaer

**Was 911 or local emergency number called?**

Yes

**Time of Call:**

12:11 PM

**Did EMS respond to the scene?**

Yes

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

No

**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?** Unable to determine

**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	6 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Mother	Alleged Perpetrator	Female	31 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Mother's Partner	Alleged Perpetrator	Male	40 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Sibling	Alleged Victim	Female	2 Year(s)
Other Household 1	Father	No Role	Male	37 Year(s)
Other Household 1	Father's Partner	No Role	Female	30 Year(s)

### LDSS Response

RCDSS initiated the investigation immediately and assessed the safety of the surviving sibling within 24 hours of receipt of the initial and subsequent fatality report. RCDSS reviewed SCR history, spoke to the source, LE and DA's office, and met with the family.

The mother and her partner were interviewed multiple times between the time the initial report came in and the time of death. The mother and her partner reported they allowed the subject child to take a bath unsupervised. The mother said she checked on the child after a period and found him unresponsive and cold in the tub. She alerted her partner, who called 911. First responders arrived and began resuscitation efforts and transported the child to the hospital.

The subject child's father was located during the investigation. The father reported he had grave concerns for the child in the care of the mother and her partner. The father had continuously petitioned family court in Ulster County for a change



in custody and visitation due to his concerns. The father reported he had not seen the child in months, despite his continued attempts. Referrals for bereavement counseling were provided to the father.

Hospital records regarding the subject child were received. Records reflect the child presented to the ER in cardiac arrest. The child's body temperature at the time he was admitted to the hospital was 84 degrees. Medical personnel confirmed the child was hypothermic upon admission and there was no indication that a drowning had occurred as there was no water in the child's lungs. The PICU team provided hours of continuous resuscitation upon his arrival at the ED. A blood replacement transfusion occurred following resuscitation and the child was declared brain dead. Palliative care continued until 2/11/20 when the child succumbed to his injuries.

During the investigation, RCDSS gathered information from law enforcement. Law enforcement said the timeline provided by the parents, the child's body temperature, and the information provided were not consistent. Law enforcement found that phone records contradicted the parents' statement of them being home together at the time the child became unresponsive. Phone records revealed the mother's boyfriend was home alone with the subject child at the time and the mother was at the store. Several text messages revealed the contradicting story. Additionally, there was an extended phone call between the mother and her partner at the time the child was found unresponsive, which LE assumed was conducted in order to devise a plan of what to do with the subject child.

RCDSS accurately determined the allegations after conducting a thorough investigation. The safety and risk assessments were fitting to the case circumstances. RCDSS exhausted efforts to locate relatives or another suitable person with whom the sibling could appropriately reside. Efforts to locate caregivers were unsuccessful and the sibling was placed in a certified foster home. The mother was required to engage in services through the foster care department and was receptive and engaged in services at the time of this writing. At the time of this writing, the Article 10 Abuse/Neglect petitions against the mother and her partner were pending in Family Court.

### Official Manner and Cause of Death

**Official Manner:** Homicide

**Primary Cause of Death:** From an injury - external 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?** Yes

### SCR Fatality Report Summary

Alleged Victim(s)	Alleged Perpetrator(s)	Allegation(s)	Allegation Outcome
053291 - Deceased Child, Male, 6 Year(s)	054328 - Mother's Partner, Male, 40 Year(s)	Internal Injuries	Substantiated
053291 - Deceased Child, Male, 6 Year(s)	054327 - Mother, Female, 31 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated
053291 - Deceased Child, Male, 6 Year(s)	054328 - Mother's Partner, Male, 40 Year(s)	DOA / Fatality	Substantiated
053291 - Deceased Child, Male, 6 Year(s)	054328 - Mother's Partner, Male, 40 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated



# Child Fatality Report

053291 - Deceased Child, Male, 6 Year(s)	054327 - Mother, Female, 31 Year(s)	Lacerations / Bruises / Welts	Unsubstantiated
053291 - Deceased Child, Male, 6 Year(s)	054328 - Mother's Partner, Male, 40 Year(s)	Lacerations / Bruises / Welts	Unsubstantiated
053291 - Deceased Child, Male, 6 Year(s)	054327 - Mother, Female, 31 Year(s)	DOA / Fatality	Substantiated
053291 - Deceased Child, Male, 6 Year(s)	054327 - Mother, Female, 31 Year(s)	Educational Neglect	Substantiated
053291 - Deceased Child, Male, 6 Year(s)	054328 - Mother's Partner, Male, 40 Year(s)	Educational Neglect	Substantiated
053291 - Deceased Child, Male, 6 Year(s)	054327 - Mother, Female, 31 Year(s)	Other	Unsubstantiated
053291 - Deceased Child, Male, 6 Year(s)	054328 - Mother's Partner, Male, 40 Year(s)	Other	Unsubstantiated
053291 - Deceased Child, Male, 6 Year(s)	054327 - Mother, Female, 31 Year(s)	Internal Injuries	Substantiated
054329 - Sibling, Female, 2 Year(s)	054327 - Mother, Female, 31 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated
054329 - Sibling, Female, 2 Year(s)	054328 - Mother's Partner, Male, 40 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated

### CPS Fatality Casework/Investigative Activities

	Yes	No	N/A	Unable to Determine
All children observed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When appropriate, children were interviewed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alleged subject(s) interviewed face-to-face?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All 'other persons named' interviewed face-to-face?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contact with source?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All appropriate Collaterals contacted?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Was a death-scene investigation performed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Was there discussion with all parties (youth, other household members, and staff) who were present that day (if nonverbal, observation and comments in case notes)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>



<b>Was there an adequate assessment of impending or immediate danger to surviving siblings/other children in the household named in the report:</b>				
<b>Within 24 hours?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>At 7 days?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>At 30 days?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Was there an approved Initial Safety Assessment for all surviving siblings/ other children in the household within 24 hours?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Are there any safety issues that need to be referred back to the local district?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>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?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**Fatality Risk Assessment / Risk Assessment Profile**

	Yes	No	N/A	Unable to Determine
<b>Was the risk assessment/RAP adequate in this case?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>During the course of the investigation, was sufficient information gathered to assess risk to all surviving siblings/other children in the household?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Was there an adequate assessment of the family's need for services?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>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?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Were appropriate/needed services offered in this case</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Explain:**  
 RCDSS offered a multitude of services to the family. The mother is currently engaged in services and working with RCDSS on reunification with the sibling.

**Placement Activities in Response to the Fatality Investigation**

	Yes	No	N/A	Unable to Determine
<b>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?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>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?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>If Yes, court ordered?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



**Explain as necessary:**

The surviving sibling was removed from the parents' custody as a result of the death. The sibling remained in foster care at the time of this writing.

**Legal Activity Related to the Fatality**

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

Family Court

Criminal Court

Order of Protection

**Family Court Petition Type: FCA Article 10 - CPS**

Date Filed:	Fact Finding Description:	Disposition Description:
02/11/2020	There was not a fact finding	There was not a disposition
<b>Respondent:</b>	054327 Mother Female 31 Year(s)	
<b>Comments:</b>	RCDSS filed an Article 10 Abuse/Neglect petition regarding the surviving sibling. RCDSS completed a 1024 removal of the sibling and the sibling remains in foster care at the time of this writing. The Article 10 petition is pending in Family Court.	

**Family Court Petition Type: FCA Article 10 - CPS**

Date Filed:	Fact Finding Description:	Disposition Description:
02/11/2020	There was not a fact finding	There was not a disposition
<b>Respondent:</b>	054328 Mother's Partner Male 40 Year(s)	
<b>Comments:</b>	RCDSS filed an Article 10 Abuse/Neglect petition regarding the surviving sibling. RCDSS completed a 1024 removal of the sibling and the sibling remains in foster care at the time of this writing. The Article 10 petition is pending in Family Court.	

**Criminal Charge: Murder Degree: 2**

Date Charges Filed:	Against Whom?	Date of Disposition:	Disposition:
04/30/2020	The mother's partner	Pending	Pending
<b>Comments:</b>	The mother's partner was arrested and charged with murder in the 2nd degree in the death of the subject child. The mother's partner remained incarcerated pending trial at the time of this writing.		

**Services Provided to the Family in Response to the Fatality**

Services	Provided After Death	Offered, but Refused	Offered, Unknown if Used	Not Offered	Needed but Unavailable	N/A	CDR Lead to Referral
Bereavement counseling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					



<b>Economic support</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Funeral arrangements</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Housing assistance</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Mental health services</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Foster care</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Health care</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Legal services</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family planning</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Homemaking Services</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Parenting Skills</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Domestic Violence Services</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Early Intervention</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Alcohol/Substance abuse</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Child Care</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Intensive case management</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family or others as safety resources</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Other</b>	<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:**  
 RCDSS provided the mother with a multitude of services following the death. The mother was engaged in parenting skills classes and mental health counseling. RCDSS and UCDSS provided resources for bereavement counseling to the father following the death.

**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:**  
 RCDSS provided a multitude of services to the sibling following the death. The sibling was removed and placed in foster care, where she was receiving services.

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

**Explain:**  
 RCDSS provided services to the mother following the death. At the time of this writing, the mother was complying with services being provided.

## 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)
10/18/2019	Other Child - Unrelated home member's child, Female, 12 Years	Other Adult - Unrelated Home Member, Female, 55 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	No
	Deceased Child, Male, 6 Years	Other Adult - Unrelated Home Member, Female, 55 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - Unrelated home member's child, Female, 12 Years	Mother, Female, 31 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Deceased Child, Male, 6 Years	Mother, Female, 31 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	

**Report Summary:**

Dutchess County Department of Social Services (DCDSS) received an SCR report on 10/18/19 alleging the mother and subject child were residing with an unrelated home member and her children in a newer double-wide modular home that was deplorable and malodorous in condition. There was garbage piled up in and outside of the home, dead mice, cat feces and cat urine on the floor as well as old food and garbage strewn about the home. The condition of the home raised a health and safety issues for all that were there.

**Report Determination:** Unfounded

**Date of Determination:** 12/27/2019

**Basis for Determination:**

DCDSS determined there was no credible evidence to substantiate the allegations. DCDSS found the home the mother was allegedly residing in to be clean and free from safety hazards. DCDSS provided Preventive Services to the other family that was allegedly residing with the mother and subject child. It was learned the mother and subject child had not been living with that family prior to the SCR report. The mother was uncooperative with investigative efforts and DCDSS was unable to make an adequate assessment of the child and his sibling despite exhausting all efforts to do so.

**OCFS Review Results:**

DCDSS exhausted efforts to locate the mother and parent substitute regarding the investigation. DCDSS enlisted multiple LE agencies, DSS agencies, and collateral contacts in an effort to ascertain the whereabouts of the mother and parent substitute. DCDSS contacted their legal department for assistance when unable to locate the children and subjects. DCDSS made an appropriate determination based on the information at their disposal.

**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)
09/09/2019	Deceased Child, Male, 6 Years	Mother's Partner, Male, 39 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	No
	Sibling, Female, 1 Years	Mother's Partner, Male, 39 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Deceased Child, Male, 6 Years	Mother, Female, 31 Years	Educational Neglect	Substantiated	



Deceased Child, Male, 6 Years	Grandparent, Female, 55 Years	Educational Neglect	Unsubstantiated
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**Report Summary:**

Dutchess County Department of Social Services (DCDSS) received a report from the SCR alleging the parent substitute assaulted the mother in the presence of the subject child and the surviving sibling. A subsequent report was received on 10/1/19 and merged into the initial investigation. The subsequent report alleged the subject child had been absent from school for 20 consecutive days and was failing as a result. The mother was aware but failed to adequately address the concerns.

<b>Report Determination:</b> Indicated	<b>Date of Determination:</b> 12/09/2019
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**Basis for Determination:**

DCDSS determined there was credible evidence to substantiate the allegation of Education Neglect against the mother regarding the subject child. During the investigation, it was learned the mother had not enrolled the child in an educational setting. The mother reported she applied for homeschooling and the school district was contacted by DCDSS to corroborate information received from the mother. The school district explained the mother failed to follow through with the steps to be approved to homeschool the child and was consequently not approved. The mother failed to provide a location and DCDSS was unable to take further action as the family allegedly moved out of the jurisdiction.

**OCFS Review Results:**

DCDSS completed all necessary tasks in a timely and adequate manner provided the information at their disposal. DCDSS enlisted a multitude of resources including several law enforcement agencies, two secondary counties, county personnel in their own district as well as Saratoga County, and numerous collateral resources when they were unable to ascertain the whereabouts of the parents and children. DCDSS appropriately determined the allegations given the information at their disposal and closed the investigation when they were unable to locate the family despite their many efforts.

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

Date of SCR Report	Alleged Victim(s)	Alleged Perpetrator(s)	Allegation(s)	Allegation Outcome	Compliance Issue(s)
05/10/2019	Deceased Child, Male, 5 Years	Mother's Partner, Male, 39 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	No
	Sibling, Female, 1 Years	Mother's Partner, Male, 39 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Deceased Child, Male, 5 Years	Mother, Female, 30 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Sibling, Female, 1 Years	Mother, Female, 30 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Deceased Child, Male, 5 Years	Mother's Partner, Male, 39 Years	Lacerations / Bruises / Welts	Unsubstantiated	
	Deceased Child, Male, 5 Years	Father, Male, 37 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated	

**Report Summary:**

An SCR report was received by DCDSS which alleged on 5/10/19, the father was smoking marijuana in the car while the subject child was present. As a result, the child received a contact high. The child was acting overly hyper and his clothing and backpack smelled of marijuana. A subsequent report was received on 6/9/19 alleging the father shoved the parent substitute in the presence of the subject child.

<b>Report Determination:</b> Indicated	<b>Date of Determination:</b> 08/14/2019
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**Basis for Determination:**

DCDSS determined there was credible evidence to substantiate the allegation of Inadequate Guardianship with regard to the information received in the subsequent hotline report. The father failed to exercise a minimum degree of care when he shoved his partner and ripped her clothing in the presence of the subject child. The child was upset and crying as a result.

**OCFS Review Results:**

DCDSS completed a thorough investigation and completed all case objectives in a timely and adequate 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)
12/03/2018	Deceased Child, Male, 5 Years	Father, Male, 36 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	Yes
	Deceased Child, Male, 5 Years	Father, Male, 36 Years	Lacerations / Bruises / Welts	Unsubstantiated	

**Report Summary:**

Dutchess County Department of Social Services (DCDSS) received a report from the SCR alleging the subject child returned from visitation with the father and sustained suspicious bruising. The father did not have a plausible explanation for the bruises.

**Report Determination:** Unfounded

**Date of Determination:** 03/06/2019

**Basis for Determination:**

DCDSS determined there was no credible evidence to support the allegations. The child denied the father inflicted bruises on him and reported hitting his head on his bed frame. Additionally, medical records reflect no concerns following the mother bringing the child to the doctor to have the marks assessed. The father denied ever inflicting bruises on the child.

**OCFS Review Results:**

DCDSS completed case objectives in a timely and adequate manner. DCDSS did not add, notify, or interview the parent substitute who was also the biological father of the surviving sibling despite historical cases reporting that the parent substitute and mother were in a relationship and co-parenting the youngest surviving sibling.

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

**Issue:**

Adequacy of face-to-face contacts with the child and/or child's parents or guardians

**Summary:**

DCDSS did not add, notify, or interview the parent substitute who was also the biological father of the surviving sibling despite historical cases reporting that the parent substitute and mother were in a relationship and co-parenting the youngest surviving sibling.

**Legal Reference:**

432.1 (o)

**Action:**

DCDSS will make casework contacts in accordance with the following regulation: Casework contacts mean face-to-face contacts with a child and/or a child's parents or guardians, or activities with the child and/or the child's parents or guardians, which may include but are not limited to facilitating information gathering and analysis of safety and risk factors and determining the allegations.



Date of SCR Report	Alleged Victim(s)	Alleged Perpetrator(s)	Allegation(s)	Allegation Outcome	Compliance Issue(s)
01/05/2018	Deceased Child, Male, 4 Years	Mother's Partner, Male, 38 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	Yes

**Report Summary:**

Ulster County Department of Social Services (UCDSS) received an SCR report on 1/5/18 alleging the subject child resided with the mother and parent substitute. The parent substitute would often get angry and violent. There was an order of protection against the parent substitute regarding the subject child. It was ordered he not engage in corporal punishment with the subject child. The parent substitute had a history of waking the child up by pouring a cup of cold water on the child's face.

**Report Determination:** Unfounded**Date of Determination:** 03/08/2018**Basis for Determination:**

UCDSS determined there was no credible evidence to substantiate the allegations. UCDSS was unable to locate and interview the parent substitute, though they made frequent contact with the subject child and observed him to be safe in the care of the mother. The mother denied allegations and denied being in a relationship with the parent substitute.

**OCFS Review Results:**

UCDSS did not exhaust efforts to locate the parent substitute despite him being a subject on the investigation. Upon receiving potential locating information for the parent substitute, UCDSS did not follow through with exhausting efforts to utilize the information provided to locate him.

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

**Issue:**

Adequacy of face-to-face contacts with the child and/or child's parents or guardians

**Summary:**

UCDSS did not exhaust efforts to locate and interview the parent substitute of the report. The parents substitute was a subject as well as the biological father of the sibling. UCDSS did not make extensive efforts to gather locating information for the parent substitute when the mother refused to provide the information.

**Legal Reference:**

432.1 (o)

**Action:**

UCDSS will make casework contacts in accordance with the following regulation: Casework contacts mean face-to-face contacts with a child and/or a child's parents or guardians, or activities with the child and/or the child's parents or guardians, which may include but are not limited to facilitating information gathering and analysis of safety and risk factors and determining the allegations.

Date of SCR Report	Alleged Victim(s)	Alleged Perpetrator(s)	Allegation(s)	Allegation Outcome	Compliance Issue(s)
12/16/2017	Sibling, Male, 10 Years	Father, Male, 35 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated	Yes
	Sibling, Male, 10 Years	Father, Male, 35 Years	Lack of Supervision	Substantiated	
	Other Child - Father's Partner's Child, Female, 9 Years	Father, Male, 35 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated	
	Other Child - Father's Partner's Child, Female, 9 Years	Father, Male, 35 Years	Lack of Supervision	Substantiated	



Other Child - Father's Partner's Child, Female, 5 Years	Father, Male, 35 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated
Other Child - Father's Partner's Child, Female, 5 Years	Father, Male, 35 Years	Lack of Supervision	Substantiated
Sibling, Male, 10 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 29 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated
Sibling, Male, 10 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 29 Years	Lack of Supervision	Substantiated
Other Child - Father's Partner's Child, Female, 9 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 29 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated
Other Child - Father's Partner's Child, Female, 9 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 29 Years	Lack of Supervision	Substantiated
Other Child - Father's Partner's Child, Female, 5 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 29 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated
Other Child - Father's Partner's Child, Female, 5 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 29 Years	Lack of Supervision	Substantiated
Sibling, Male, 10 Years	Father, Male, 35 Years	Sexual Abuse	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Father's Partner's Child, Female, 9 Years	Father, Male, 35 Years	Sexual Abuse	Unsubstantiated
Sibling, Male, 10 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 29 Years	Sexual Abuse	Unsubstantiated
Other Child - Father's Partner's Child, Female, 9 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 29 Years	Sexual Abuse	Unsubstantiated

**Report Summary:**

UCDSS received a report from the SCR which alleged the father and his partner were aware the 10yo sibling had a history of touching the 9yo other child inappropriately. Both children continued to sleep over at the residence of the father and his partner. There was another incident during which the children were left unsupervised for an excessive period of time, during which the 10yo coerced the 9yo into touching him on his penis. Thereafter, the father and his partner were made aware of this new incident and did not protect the children from another incident in the future.

**Report Determination:** Indicated**Date of Determination:** 04/28/2018**Basis for Determination:**

UCDSS found there was credible evidence to substantiate the allegations. UCDSS learned the father and his partner left the children together for a period of time and the children engaged in inappropriate behavior during that time frame. Additionally, the father and his partner were allowing the children to share a bed despite a court order to not leave the children alone.

**OCFS Review Results:**

UCDSS did not complete the 7-day safety assessment in the required time frame. UCDSS did not interview the mother of the subject child and only made attempts to interview the mother 5 months after receipt of the report. UCDSS closed the investigation without interviewing the mother.

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

**Issue:**

Adequacy of face-to-face contacts with the child and/or child's parents or guardians

**Summary:**

The mother was added to the report and notified about the investigation. Although it was identified that she had primary custody of the subject child, she was never interviewed and the report was never addressed with her. Efforts were not made to assess her home, where the subject child primarily resided.



**Legal Reference:**

432.1 (o)

**Action:**

UCDSS will make casework contacts in accordance with the following regulation: Casework contacts mean face-to-face contacts with a child and/or a child's parents or guardians, or activities with the child and/or the child's parents or guardians, which may include but are not limited to facilitating information gathering and analysis of safety and risk factors and determining the allegations.

**Issue:**

Timely/Adequate Seven Day Assessment

**Summary:**

The 7-day safety assessment was not completed in the required time frame.

**Legal Reference:**

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

**Action:**

The 7-day Safety Assessment will be documented and approved within 7 days of receipt of the report.

Date of SCR Report	Alleged Victim(s)	Alleged Perpetrator(s)	Allegation(s)	Allegation Outcome	Compliance Issue(s)
10/22/2017	Deceased Child, Male, 4 Years	Father, Male, 35 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated	Yes
	Sibling, Male, 10 Years	Father, Male, 35 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated	
	Sibling, Male, 10 Years	Father, Male, 35 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated	
	Other Child - Father's Partner's Child, Female, 5 Years	Father, Male, 35 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated	
	Other Child - Father's Partner's Child, Female, 5 Years	Father, Male, 35 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated	
	Other Child - Father's Partner's Child, Female, 9 Years	Father, Male, 35 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated	
	Other Child - Father's Partner's Child, Female, 9 Years	Father, Male, 35 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated	
	Sibling, Male, 10 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 28 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated	
	Sibling, Male, 10 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 28 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated	
	Other Child - Father's Partner's Child, Female, 5 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 28 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated	
	Other Child - Father's Partner's Child, Female, 5 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 28 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated	
	Other Child - Father's Partner's Child, Female, 9 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 28 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated	
	Other Child - Father's Partner's Child, Female, 9 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 28 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated	
Sibling, Male, 10 Years	Father, Male, 35 Years	Lack of Supervision	Substantiated		



Other Child - Father's Partner's Child, Female, 9 Years	Father, Male, 35 Years	Lack of Supervision	Substantiated
Sibling, Male, 10 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 28 Years	Lack of Supervision	Substantiated
Other Child - Father's Partner's Child, Female, 9 Years	Father's Partner, Female, 28 Years	Lack of Supervision	Substantiated

**Report Summary:**

Ulster County Department of Social Services (UCDSS) received an SCR report alleging the father and his partner left the sibling, subject child, and the partner's two unrelated children (ages 9 and 5) home unsupervised while they went to the store. Due to the then 10-year-old sibling's history of inappropriately touching the 9yo unrelated child, there was a court order in place that the children were not to be left unsupervised. The father also had a history of hitting the partner with a belt in the presence of the children. Multiple subsequent reports were received and consolidated during the open investigation related to the domestic violence in the home.

**Report Determination:** Indicated

**Date of Determination:** 12/16/2017

**Basis for Determination:**

UCDSS determined there was credible evidence to substantiate the allegations. The father and his partner left the sibling home with the 9yo child with whom he had a history of inappropriate behavior. UCDSS learned there was a court order in place that the children could not be left alone unsupervised due to the sibling's behaviors. The concerns related to the domestic violence between the father and his partner were unsubstantiated as all parties denied any occurrences of DV.

**OCFS Review Results:**

UCDSS completed the safety assessments in a timely and adequate manner. UCDSS utilized the CAC to interview the subject child. During the investigation, UCDSS learned the mother gave birth to the sibling. UCDSS did not add or assess the sibling. UCDSS did not provide safe sleep education or observe a safe sleep environment for the infant. UCDSS did not gather identifying information for the sibling's father.

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

**Issue:**

A child was born during an open CPS investigation and not added to the report

**Summary:**

During the investigation, UCDSS learned the mother gave birth to a child. That child was not added to the investigation and her safety was not documented to have been assessed.

**Legal Reference:**

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

**Action:**

UCDSS is required to obtain the name, age, and condition of other children in the home. UCDSS will add all appropriate household members to open investigations.

**Issue:**

Failure to provide safe sleep education/information

**Summary:**

Though they were in the home and assessed the safety of the subject child, UCDSS was aware the mother gave birth during the open investigation and did not have a conversation surrounding safe sleep education/information at any point during the investigation.

**Legal Reference:**

13-OCFS-ADM-02

**Action:**

13-OCFS-ADM-02 notes a review and assessment of a child's sleeping environment must be documented, and immediately addressed if assessed to be unsafe. In all CPS investigations with an infant in the home, caregivers must be provided with safe sleep information.

**Issue:**

Adequacy of face-to-face contacts with the child and/or child's parents or guardians

**Summary:**

UCDSS learned the mother gave birth during the open investigation. The record does not reflect UCDSS attempted to gather identifying and locating information for the biological father of the infant sibling. UCDSS did not add or notify the biological father of the sibling.

**Legal Reference:**

432.1 (o)

**Action:**

UCDSS will make casework contacts in accordance with the following regulation: Casework contacts mean face-to-face contacts with a child and/or a child's parents or guardians, or activities with the child and/or the child's parents or guardians, which may include but are not limited to facilitating information gathering and analysis of safety and risk factors and determining the allegations.

Date of SCR Report	Alleged Victim(s)	Alleged Perpetrator(s)	Allegation(s)	Allegation Outcome	Compliance Issue(s)
08/15/2017	Deceased Child, Male, 3 Years	Mother's Partner, Male, 39 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	Yes
	Deceased Child, Male, 3 Years	Mother's Partner, Male, 39 Years	Lacerations / Bruises / Welts	Unsubstantiated	

**Report Summary:**

Ulster County Department of Social Services (UCDSS) received a report from the SCR alleging the mother and her partner engaged in a verbal argument which escalated to the partner getting physical towards the mother.

**Report Determination:** Unfounded

**Date of Determination:** 10/16/2017

**Basis for Determination:**

UCDSS determined there was no credible evidence to support the allegations. The mother was not forthcoming with information and refused to provide UCDSS with contact information for the her partner. The subject child denied the allegations.

**OCFS Review Results:**

UCDSS did not complete the 7-day safety assessment within the required time frame. Though it was not documented in this investigation, UCDSS made efforts to gather locating information for the mother's partner during the two investigations that were open concurrently with this investigation.

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

**Issue:**

Timely/Adequate Seven Day Assessment

**Summary:**

UCDSS did not complete the 7-day safety assessment within the required time frame.

**Legal Reference:**

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

**Action:**

UCDSS will document and approve all safety assessments within the required time frame.

Date of SCR Report	Alleged Victim(s)	Alleged Perpetrator(s)	Allegation(s)	Allegation Outcome	Compliance Issue(s)
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# Child Fatality Report

06/18/2017	Other Child - Father's Partner's Child, Female, 5 Years	Father, Male, 35 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	Yes
	Other Child - Father's Partner's Child, Female, 5 Years	Father, Male, 35 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - Father's Partner's Child, Female, 8 Years	Father, Male, 35 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Other Child - Father's Partner's Child, Female, 8 Years	Father, Male, 35 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated	
	Deceased Child, Male, 3 Years	Father, Male, 35 Years	Sexual Abuse	Unsubstantiated	

**Report Summary:**

Ulster County Department of Social Services (UCDSS) received an SCR report alleging the father engaged in domestic violence with his partner in the presence of the partner's 5-year-old child.

**Report Determination:** Unfounded

**Date of Determination:** 08/11/2017

**Basis for Determination:**

UCDSS determined there was no credible evidence to substantiate the allegations. All parties denied the existence of domestic violence.

**OCFS Review Results:**

UCDSS did not complete the 7-day safety assessment within the required time frame.

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

**Issue:**

Timely/Adequate Seven Day Assessment

**Summary:**

UCDSS did not complete the 7-day safety assessment within the required time frame.

**Legal Reference:**

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

**Action:**

UCDSS will document and approve all safety assessments within the required time frame.

Date of SCR Report	Alleged Victim(s)	Alleged Perpetrator(s)	Allegation(s)	Allegation Outcome	Compliance Issue(s)
06/12/2017	Deceased Child, Male, 3 Years	Mother, Female, 29 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	No
	Deceased Child, Male, 3 Years	Mother's Partner, Male, 37 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	

**Report Summary:**

Ulster County Department of Social Services (UCDSS) received a report from the SCR alleging the subject child was in the care of the mother and her partner. The partner had a history of forcefully hitting the subject child in the head and also hitting him with a belt. The mother was present during these incidents and did not intervene.

**Report Determination:** Unfounded

**Date of Determination:** 08/09/2017

**Basis for Determination:**

UCDSS determined there was no credible evidence the instances of corporal punishment occurred. The child did not disclose information regarding the mother's partner. The mother was uncooperative and thwarted the department's efforts to locate and interview the partner. The mother denied being in a relationship and would not provide UCDSS with any locating or identifying information for the partner.

**OCFS Review Results:**

UCDSS completed all casework objectives in a timely and adequate manner. UCDSS attempted to gather information regarding the mother's alleged partner, but the mother was not cooperative and all searches came up negative. UCDSS used the information they gathered to determine the investigation. At the time the investigation closed, UCDSS was investigating additional concerns in a separate investigation.

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

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

There is no CPS investigative history more than three years prior to the fatality.

**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