



Summary Report	Near Fatality	7/12/2019
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1. Victim: 7-year-old female

2. Was the child residing in the child's home or in an out-of-home placement at the time of the near fatality?

The child was residing in his home when the following incident occurred:

On July 12, 2018, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 7-year-old female who had been admitted to the hospital in critical condition due to extremely high blood sugar levels. The investigation determined that the child's medical needs had been neglected by her father, Zachary Taylor, and mother, Sarah Taylor. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Juvenile Court. It was determined through the dependency hearing that Zachary and Sarah Taylor had neglected their child.

3. If the victim in the Preliminary Report involved a child residing in the child's home, the following information will be provided:

a. Services being provided to the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect at the time of the incident and the date of the last contact before the incident between the entity providing services and the person receiving services:

No services were being provided to the family by the Department of Child Safety at the time of the incident.

b. Was the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect the subject of a report for investigation at the time of the incident?

No.

c. All involvement of the child's parents and of the person suspected of the abuse or neglect in a situation for which a report for investigation was made or in services provided pursuant to this chapter in the five years preceding the incident:

The child's parents, Zachary and Sarah Taylor, were involved in the following reports in the five years preceding the near fatality incident:

On August 29, 2006, a report was received alleging neglect to another child by the mother, Sarah Taylor. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The family participated in in-home services and the case was closed.

On August 26, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by the parents, Zachary and Sarah Taylor. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The family participated in in-home services and the case was closed.

On October 24, 2016, a report was received alleging neglect to another child by the father, Zachary Taylor. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On March 6, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect to another child by the parents, Zachary and Sarah Taylor. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.



d. Any investigation pursuant to a report for investigation concerning the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect or services provided to the child or the child's family since the date of the incident involving the near fatality:

The investigation of the near fatality report resulted in the child being placed in licensed foster care after her release from the hospital. The other children were found to be safe to the parents and remained in the home. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Juvenile Court and is providing services to the family. The allegations of neglect pertaining to Zachary and Sarah have been substantiated.

4. If the victim in the Preliminary Report involved a child residing in an out-of-home placement, the following information will be provided:

a. Licensing Agency:

N/A

b. Licensing history of the out-of-home placement, including the type of license held by the operator of the placement and the period for which the placement has been licensed:

N/A

c. Summary of all violations by the licensee:

N/A

d. Any other actions by the licensee or an employee of the licensee that constitute a substantial failure to protect and promote the health, safety and welfare of a child.

N/A

5. Actions taken by the Department in response to the case including any changes to policy or practice and/or recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes:

The Department conducted an investigation. Upon release from the hospital, the near fatality victim was placed in licensed foster care. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Juvenile Court and substantiated the allegations as to Zachary and Sarah. Services are being provided.

Additionally, in accordance with the DCS Strategic Plan for State Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16), multidisciplinary team (MDT) reviews of fatality and near fatality cases were implemented during the first quarter of FY16. The MDT reviews of fatality and near fatality cases, especially those with prior DCS involvement, are a key feature of the Strategic Plan and support the objective of increasing the accuracy of safety and risk assessments in investigations.

Cases are reviewed by the MDT in order to identify any systemic factors, both internal and external to the Department that may have had an impact. The Department uses the aggregate data gathered through all of the MDT reviews to assess and guide future changes and/or recommendations to policies, practices, rules or statutes. Findings from these reviews are compiled into an annual report to be shared on the DCS website. The target date for release of the next report is December 1, 2019.

For more information regarding the Department of Child Safety's Strategic Plan for State Fiscal Year 2016, please visit the DCS website.



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