



Tennessee Department of Children's Services
Tennessee Child Abuse Hotline Summary

Intake

Intake ID: [REDACTED]
Intake Taken By: [REDACTED] Intake Date/Time: 07/02/2013 02:30 PM CT
Track Assigned: Investigation Priority Assigned: 1
Screened By: [REDACTED]
Date Screened: 07/02/2013

Investigation

Investigation ID: [REDACTED]
First County/Region: [REDACTED]
Date/Time Assigned : 07/02/2013 04:06 PM
First Team Leader Assigned: [REDACTED] Date/Time 07/02/2013 12:00 AM
First Case Manager [REDACTED] Date/Time 07/02/2013 12:00 AM

Allegations

Alleged Victim	Age	Allegation	Severe ?	Alleged Perpetrator	Relationship to Alleged Victim
[REDACTED]	4 Yrs	Lack of Supervision	Yes	[REDACTED]	Other Non-relative
[REDACTED]	4 Yrs	Lack of Supervision	Yes	[REDACTED]	Birth Father
[REDACTED]	4 Yrs	Lack of Supervision	Yes	[REDACTED]	Birth Mother

Referent(s)

Referent Name: [REDACTED] Role to Alleged Victim(s): [REDACTED]
Referent Address: [REDACTED]
Referent Phone Number: [REDACTED]
Type of Contact: I-3 Phone
Notification: Letter

Narrative: TFACTS: No prior history found other than [REDACTED] listed as a participant (Aunt) on the intake that is associated with Assessment [REDACTED] (she was not listed as a perpetrator)
Family Case ID: None

Open Court Custody/FSS/FCIP No

Closed Court Custody No

Open CPS - No

Indicated None

Fatality No

Screened out 0



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History (not listed above): None

County: [REDACTED]
Notification: Letter
School/ Daycare: None
Native American Descent: None
Directions: None Given

Reporters name/relationship: Investigator [REDACTED]

Reporter states: [REDACTED] (3) lives with his parents, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. There are three brothers in the home including [REDACTED] (14). The other two brother's information is unknown. [REDACTED] two unknown brothers are mentally challenged.

Law enforcement and EMS were called to the home yesterday at 1723 hours due to [REDACTED] reportedly drowning. [REDACTED] was unresponsive when EMS arrived. [REDACTED] stated that the two middle brothers and [REDACTED] went outside. The two brothers went back inside and [REDACTED] didnt see [REDACTED] with them. [REDACTED] said that he went outside and found [REDACTED] face up in the above ground pool. [REDACTED] said that he tried to do CPR and he couldnt. Neither of the parents were home at the time. [REDACTED] was at work and [REDACTED] was out paying bills.

A neighbor, [REDACTED] said that she was supposed to be the caretaker for [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said that she heard the two middle brothers screaming and that is when she ran up and found [REDACTED] in the pool. [REDACTED] said that she grabbed [REDACTED] out of the pool and tried CPR. This is a conflicting story from what [REDACTED] said. The parents have not been interviewed at this time. It is believed that it may have been [REDACTED] that contacted law enforcement and EMS. There is no known prior history with the family. There were no noted concerns with the home environment.

[REDACTED] was taken to [REDACTED] last night. [REDACTED] pulse returned and was he transported to [REDACTED]. As of last night, [REDACTED] condition was not very good. [REDACTED] had a pulse, but was still unresponsive. The hospital said that [REDACTED] prognosis didnt look good. [REDACTED] is currently in the ICU at [REDACTED].

There are concerns that the parents left [REDACTED] in the care of [REDACTED] and his two mentally challenged brothers.

County group emailed.
Per SDM: Investigative Track / P1, [REDACTED] on 7-2-13 @ 3:26 pm

Notified Child Fatality Group:
[REDACTED]



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Participant(s)

Name: [REDACTED]

Gender: Male

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: Race: Age: 15 Yrs

Address:

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: No

DCS Foster Child: No

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:

Name: [REDACTED]

Gender: Male

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: Race: Black/African Age: 4 Yrs

Address: [REDACTED]

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: No

DCS Foster Child: No

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:



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Name: [REDACTED]

Gender: Female

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Partipant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: Race: Age: 34 Yrs

Address:

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: Yes

DCS Foster Child: No

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:

Name: [REDACTED]

Gender: Male

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Partipant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: Race: Age: 52 Yrs

Address:

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: Yes

DCS Foster Child: No

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:



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Name: [REDACTED]

Gender: Female

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED] Race: [REDACTED] Age: 22 Yrs

Address: [REDACTED]

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: Yes

DCS Foster Child: No

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:

Name: Unknown Participant [REDACTED] Unknown

Gender: Male

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED] Race: [REDACTED] Age: [REDACTED]

Address:

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: No

DCS Foster Child: No

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:



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Name: Unknown Participant [REDACTED] Unknown

Gender: Male

Date of Birth:

Participant ID: [REDACTED]

SSN:

Race:

Age:

Address:

Deceased Date:

School/ ChildCare Comments:

Alleged Perpetrator: No

DCS Foster Child: No

External History Search Results:

DCS History Search Results:

DCS Intake Search Results:



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Child Protective Service Investigation Summary
and Classification Decision of Child Abuse/Neglect Referral**

A. Investigation

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Investigation ID: [REDACTED]

Referral Date: 07/02/2013

Assignment Date: 07/02/2013

Street Address: [REDACTED]

City/State/Zip: [REDACTED]

B. Allegation

#	Children's Name	DOB	Specific Allegation for Each Child	Alleged Perpetrator's Name	DOB	Classification	Severe Abuse	Classified By
		SSN			SSN			Classified Date
1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Neglect Death	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Unsubstantiated / Perpetrator Unsubstantiated	Yes	[REDACTED] 07/07/2013
2	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Lack of Supervision	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Unsubstantiated / Perpetrator Unsubstantiated	Yes	[REDACTED] 08/15/2013
3	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Lack of Supervision	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Unsubstantiated / Perpetrator Unsubstantiated	Yes	[REDACTED] 08/15/2013
4	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Lack of Supervision	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Allegation Unsubstantiated / Perpetrator Unsubstantiated	Yes	[REDACTED] 08/15/2013

C. Disposition Decision

Disposition Decision: Refer for Other Services and Close

Comments: The family has been referred to PCS to address grief counseling.

D. Case Workers

Case Worker: [REDACTED]

Date: 08/15/2013

Team Leader: [REDACTED]

Date: 08/16/2013

E. Investigation Summary

Instruction: Condense the finding rationale for each allegation relative to the child victim(s). Be sure to identify the facts that provided for the classification decision.

Summarize the key points and dates of the child or children's statements and/or the observation of the child or children's physical state or home environment:

CPSI [REDACTED] observed [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. His parents were present during the visit. He was on the ventalator and appeared not to be in any pain.



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Summarize professional, medical or psychological findings or opinions: What is the collateral's oral or written finding/opinion of the incident(s)/allegation(s)?

CPSI ██████████ contacted ██████████ social worker at ██████████. She stated that she was aware that ██████████ passed away yesterday, ██████████. She stated that she was informed when she came on this morning. CPSI asked about the possible reasons for his death. She stated that his death was most likely due to the accident according to the notes in the chart. She stated that ██████████ discussed with the family his diagnosis of Severe Anoxic Ischemic Brain Injury. She stated that ██████████ only brain stem functions were occasionally breathing. She stated that the doctor notes that the parents understood that child's prognosis/status and they discussed withdrawing ██████████ life support. She also stated that it was determined by the parents to take him off of life support once the paternal family came to visit with ██████████.

Summarize alleged perpetrator's statement or admission: What is the perpetrator's explanation of the incident(s)/allegation(s)?

CPSI ██████████ spoke with ██████████ birth father concerning the incident involving his son, ██████████. He stated that he was not at home, as he and his wife were out running errands. He stated that he and ██████████ left ██████████ in charge. He stated that ██████████ went to get a screwdriver out of the truck to fix his X Box and ██████████ followed him. He stated that ██████████ followed him when he went outside and ██████████ was not aware that ██████████ was behind him. He stated that after ██████████ got the screwdriver, ██████████ went back inside. ██████████ asked ██████████ where ██████████ was and ██████████ stated that he did not know and they started to look at him. He stated that ██████████ went outside and found ██████████ face down in the pool. ██████████ stated that the pool was at their home. He stated that ██████████ called him mom when they found ██████████ in the pool and ██████████ told him to put ██████████ on the phone. ██████████ talked to his mother and ██████████ called her niece, ██████████. He stated that she lived across from the house. He stated that ██████████ did CPR until police and the ambulance arrived on scene.

TC ██████████ conducted an interview with the mother. TC asked her how she would describe the incident that caused injury to her son. She responded that her son nearly drowned in the pool on yesterday. She advised that the pool is located in the backyard of their home and is an above ground pool. She stated that her husband just purchased the pool on this past Wednesday at ██████████. It is 3 1/2 ft. 18 inches. She advised that they have purchased a pool like this one before and she intended to teach ██████████ how to swim this summer. TC asked her to describe the event as she understood it to have occurred. The mother advised that on yesterday about 9:00 p.m., her 10 year old son unlocked the backdoor and went outside. She stated that he was not supposed to have done so. She stated that he went outside and the 4 year old ██████████ followed behind him. ██████████ apparently went to the pool, climbed the stairs and went in the pool. She stated that her oldest son noticed that the door was open and ██████████ was not inside and he was the one who found his brother in the pool. She was called on the phone and immediately called her niece who lives across the street who is a nurse. TC asked about the proximity of her niece's home and she replied about 50 ft. Her niece administered CPR to the child until paramedics arrived. The child was taken to ██████████ and then air lifted to ██████████. She stated that she met the family at ██████████ as she was not at the home when the incident occurred.

Summarize witnesses' descriptions of what they saw and what they believe indicates child abuse/neglect:

CPSI ██████████ spoke with ██████████, ██████████ 14 year old first. He stated that yesterday around 5 pm that his brother, ██████████ 10 year old, went outside and ██████████ followed him and he did not know it and then ██████████ 10 year old came back outside. He stated that he noticed that ██████████ was missing and he immediately went to the pool because he saw ██████████ go outside with ██████████ earlier. He stated that when he went to the pool he saw ██████████ face down in the pool. He stated that they have had the pool for about a week. He stated that they have had a pool before, but they got a new one because they moved to a new house in ██████████.

CPSI ██████████ then spoke with ██████████ 10 year old. He stated that yesterday (7/1/13) his mom and dad went to the grocery store and they were at home to watch the baby. He stated that he got ██████████ something to eat after his mom and dad left. He stated that he then went outside to get a tool from his dad's truck to get a



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tool to fix his X-Box. He stated that he did not know he [REDACTED] had followed him. He stated that when he realized that [REDACTED] followed him [REDACTED] went outside and found [REDACTED] in the pool. He stated that he called his mom on the phone and [REDACTED] came to the house and did CPR. He stated that [REDACTED] was doing CPR when he got [REDACTED] out of the pool and did CPR until [REDACTED] arrived at the home. He stated that [REDACTED] lives close by his home. He stated that she lives across the way. He stated it was very close by. He stated that she is someone they contact in case of any problems when their parents leave to run errands, ect. He stated that he did not want have the pool anymore due to what happened to his brother.

CPSI [REDACTED] then spoke with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 12 year old. He stated that he was asleep when the incident with [REDACTED] happened. He stated that when he woke up he saw [REDACTED] giving chest compressions to [REDACTED] and then the police/ambulance showed up at the house.

Summarize any other evidence or factors that support the investigative finding(s) for the allegation(s) of abuse/neglect:

[REDACTED] died on 7/7/13 as a result of his injuries from the incident with the pool. The parents are receiving grief counseling with [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. The children are receiving counseling services from their pastor on a as needed basis.

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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 09/04/2013

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 03:24 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 09/04/2013

Completed date: 09/04/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being

Contact Type(s): Administrative Review

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning**Participant(s)****Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 09/04/2013 03:27 PM Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case submitted for review and closure. Investigative tasks have been completed. This case is classified as AUPU for lack of supervision. The minor child, [REDACTED] passed away on July 7, 2013 at [REDACTED] hospital from injuries sustained due to an accident. The family is currently receiving grief counseling due to the loss of [REDACTED]. No other services are needed at this time. Notice of Classification will be sent to Juvenile Court upon case closure.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[REDACTED]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	08/30/2013	Contact Method:	
Contact Time:	03:00 PM	Contact Duration:	Less than 05
Entered By:	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:		Created Date:	09/02/2013
Completed date:	09/02/2013	Completed By:	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	Case Summary		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning**Participant(s)****Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 09/02/2013 02:28 PM Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

This case is classified as AUPU for lack of supervision. There is not enough evidence to support the allegations. [REDACTED] was being supervised by his 14 year old brother while his parents ran errands. During that time, [REDACTED] followed his older brother, [REDACTED] outside while he got something out of his dad's truck to fix his X-Box. [REDACTED] did not know that he followed him outside. When [REDACTED] asked where [REDACTED] was, [REDACTED] went outside and found him face down in the pool. [REDACTED] was transported to [REDACTED] and then to [REDACTED] on July 1, 2013 and later died at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] on July 7, 2013. The family is receiving grief counseling services due to the loss of [REDACTED]. No other services are needed at this time. This investigation is complete and closure is requested at this time.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[REDACTED]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	08/29/2013	Contact Method:	Face To Face
Contact Time:	03:30 PM	Contact Duration:	Less than 30
Entered By:	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:	Family Home	Created Date:	09/02/2013
Completed date:	09/02/2013	Completed By:	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	Parent/Caretaker Interview, Sibling Interview/Observation		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 09/02/2013 02:32 PM Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

CPSI [REDACTED] went to the home to follow up with the family. The children were at home with their parents. The children did not report any safety issues or concerns at this time. CPSI [REDACTED] spoke with Mr. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED]. They stated that everything is going well considering the situation. They stated that they feel that the grief counseling is helping with the adjustment. They stated that they did not need any other additional services at this time. CPSI then left the home.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 08/13/2013

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 11:51 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 08/13/2013

Completed date: 08/13/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being

Contact Type(s): Administrative Review

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning**Participant(s)****Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 08/13/2013 11:51 AM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Case review completed by TL to determine status of F2F contacts with the ACV and compliance level with policy 14.26.



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Case Name: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[REDACTED]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	08/07/2013	Contact Method:	Face To Face
Contact Time:	03:30 PM	Contact Duration:	Less than 45
Entered By:	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:	Family Home	Created Date:	09/02/2013
Completed date:	09/02/2013	Completed By:	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	Parent/Caretaker Interview, Sibling Interview/Observation		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

[REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 09/02/2013 02:19 PM Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

CPSI [REDACTED] went to the home to follow up with the family. When CPSI [REDACTED] arrived, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were playing the X-Box. They appeared to be clean and wearing appropriate clothing. CPSI briefly spoke with the children. They stated that today was their first full day of school and they liked their new schools. CPSI then spoke with Mrs. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED]. They stated that everything is going fine. They stated that the kids have started school and the school has been very supportive due to the death of [REDACTED]. She stated that she has advised the school to let them know in case of any behavior issues that may come up. CPSI advised that was a good idea since they will be able to observe the kids when she is not around. She stated that she is still continuing with her counseling at PCS. She stated that [REDACTED] death hit her hard today because the [REDACTED] teacher contacted her today and they found out that [REDACTED] died. She stated that they did not know about the situation. She stated that she relived the situation due to have to telling them what happened. She stated that she has a counseling appointment next Tuesday with [REDACTED]. She stated that the counseling is helping by being able to talk about it. CPSI asked Mr. [REDACTED] if he is in counseling. He stated that he has a medication appointment next week and is going to set up his counseling. He stated that he believes it will be helpful as well. He stated that he has his good days and bad days. CPSI developed a non-custodial permanency plan with Mr. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED]. The plan states that: Mrs. [REDACTED] will continue to participate in grief counseling, Mr. [REDACTED] will continue to participate in medication management and counseling, and the children will continue to talk to their pastor when needed. CPSI advised if they had any questions or concerns to please let me know. They stated that they would. CPSI then left the home.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[REDACTED]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	07/18/2013	Contact Method:	Face To Face
Contact Time:	02:00 PM	Contact Duration:	Less than 30
Entered By:	[REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:	Family Home	Created Date:	09/02/2013
Completed date:	09/02/2013	Completed By:	[REDACTED]
Purpose(s):	Safety - Child/Community		
Contact Type(s):	Parent/Caretaker Interview,Sibling Interview/Observation		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning

Participant(s)

[REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 09/02/2013 02:08 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPSI [REDACTED] went to the home to follow up with the family. When CPSI [REDACTED] arrived at the home, the children were at home with their parents, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. All three children appeared to be doing ok. They did not report any issues or concerns at this time. CPSI [REDACTED] spoke with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] they stated that they are adjusting to [REDACTED] not being with them any longer. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that she has already contacted PCS to see a counselor due to the loss of her son. She stated that she felt that she needed to get that started. She stated that the children appear to have adjusted to day to day life and will contact her pastor, [REDACTED] for any grief issues due to the loss of their brother. She stated that she felt that would be best for them. She stated that it was difficult to get through the funeral. CPSI stated that she understood. CPSI asked if they felt that any other needed services are needed and they stated not at this time. CPSI stated if she needed anything to let CPSI know. She stated that she would. CPSI [REDACTED] asked about the pool and Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he got rid of the pool prior to Mrs. [REDACTED] coming home from the hospital. He stated that he did not want Mrs. [REDACTED] to have to deal with seeing the pool when she came home. CPSI [REDACTED] observed the home to be appropriate for the family with no safety hazards present.



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Case Name: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 07/17/2013

Contact Method: Face To Face

Contact Time: 08:30 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: Other Community Site

Created Date: 08/05/2013

Completed date: 08/05/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Safety - Child/Community

Contact Type(s): CPIT (Child Protective Investigative Team)

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning**Participant(s)****Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 08/05/2013 03:16 PM Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

This case was presented to CPIT in [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. This case was classified as AUPU for lack of supervision. The team agreed with the classification.



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Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 07/10/2013

Contact Method: Phone Call

Contact Time: 01:00 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 07/10/2013

Completed date: 08/05/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Safety - Child/Community

Contact Type(s): Parent/Caretaker Interview

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning**Participant(s)**

[REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 07/10/2013 01:19 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPSI [REDACTED] spoke with [REDACTED]. He stated that the funeral arrangement have been made for [REDACTED]. He stated that the visitation is on Friday at [REDACTED] and the funeral is on Saturday at [REDACTED]. He stated that they just got home from giving the funeral home the clothes that [REDACTED] was going to be buried in. CPSI [REDACTED] advised him that she would like to meet with them next week to make sure the family is receiving appropriate services due to the death of [REDACTED]. He stated that he and Ms. [REDACTED] would like that.



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Case Name: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 07/08/2013

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 09:37 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 09/02/2013

Completed date: 09/02/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Safety - Child/Community

Contact Type(s): Notation

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning**Participant(s)****Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 09/02/2013 02:39 PM Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

CPSI [REDACTED] completed the CS-0635 Notice of Fatality Form concerning the death of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] on July 7, 2013 and forwarded the information to TC [REDACTED] and TL [REDACTED]



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 07/08/2013

Contact Method: Phone Call

Contact Time: 09:00 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 07/08/2013

Completed date: 07/08/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Safety - Child/Community

Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning**Participant(s)****Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 07/08/2013 09:54 AM Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

CPSI [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] [REDACTED] social worker at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. She stated that she was aware that [REDACTED] passed away yesterday. She stated that she was informed when she came on this morning. CPSI asked about the possible reasons for his death. She stated that his death was most likely due to the accident according to the notes in the chart. She stated that Dr. [REDACTED] discussed with the family his diagnosis of Severe Anoxic Ischemic Brain Injury. She stated that [REDACTED] only brain stem functions were occasionally breathing. She stated that the doctor notes that the parents understood that child's prognosis/status and they discussed withdrawing [REDACTED] life support. She also stated that it was determined by the parents to take him off of life support once the paternal family came to visit with [REDACTED]. CPSI [REDACTED] stated that she needed to request the child's medical records and she stated to contact medical records at [REDACTED]. CPSI thanked her for her time.



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 07/08/2013

Contact Method: Phone Call

Contact Time: 08:45 AM

Contact Duration: Less than 15

Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 07/08/2013

Completed date: 07/08/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Safety - Child/Community

Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning**Participant(s)****Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 07/08/2013 09:45 AM Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

CPSI [REDACTED] spoke with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] investigator with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]. He stated that he was calling to find out if the family had any history with DCS. CPSI advised him that they do not. CPSI [REDACTED] asked who would be performing the autopsy. He stated that Dr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] would be performing the autopsy on the child. He stated that it would most likely be an external autopsy and they would refer to the medical records since [REDACTED] was in the hospital for several days prior to passing away. He stated that if CPSI had any questions not to hesitate to call him at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. CPSI [REDACTED] thanked him for the information.



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[REDACTED]	Status:	Created In Error
Contact Date:	07/03/2013	Contact Method:	Face To Face
Contact Time:	05:45 PM	Contact Duration:	Less than 30
Entered By:	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:	Family Home	Created Date:	07/05/2013
Completed date:	07/05/2013	Completed By:	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Purpose(s):	Permanency		
Contact Type(s):	Parent/Caretaker Interview		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning**Participant(s)**

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 07/05/2013 03:10 PM Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

TC [REDACTED] conducted an interview with the mother. TC asked her how she would describe the incident that caused injury to her son. She responded that her son nearly drowned in the pool on yesterday. She advised that the pool is located in the backyard of their home and is an above ground pool. She stated that her husband just purchased the pool on this past Wednesday at [REDACTED]. It is 3 1/2 ft. 18 inches. She advised that they have purchased a pool like this one before and she intended to teach [REDACTED] how to swim this summer. TC asked her to describe the event as she understood it to have occurred. The mother advised that on yesterday about 8:00 p.m., her 10 year old son unlocked the backdoor and went outside. She stated that he was not supposed to have done so. She stated that he went outside and the 4 year old [REDACTED] followed behind him. [REDACTED] apparently went to the pool, climbed the stairs and went in the pool. She stated that her oldest son noticed that the door was open and [REDACTED] was not inside and he was the one who found his brother in the pool. She was called on the phone and immediately called her niece who lives across the street who is a nurse. TC asked about the proximity of her niece's home and she replied about 50 ft. Her niece administered CPR to the child until paramedics arrived. The child was taken to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and then air lifted to [REDACTED]. She stated that she met the family at [REDACTED] as she was not at the home when the incident occurred.

TC [REDACTED] inquired about her experience upon arrival at [REDACTED]. She stated that she could not recall names, but she upon arrival at [REDACTED] she met with the Chaplain, the hospital Social Worker, and the team of medical staff was wonderful and helpful to her and the family. TC spoke to her about family supports she has in place at this time and inquired about where the other children are. She advised that she is the youngest of 15 children and all her siblings and her mother reside in [REDACTED]. She advised that most of her husband's family lives nearby in [REDACTED] [REDACTED] as well. The family attends a church in [REDACTED]. She advised that her Pastor was with the family at [REDACTED] until 4 a.m. this morning. She stated that the other children are with her mother at this time.

TC asked how the other children are doing emotionally at this time. She advised that she has spoken with them via telephone and made efforts to comfort them and told the 10 year old not to blame himself for anything related to the accident. She stated that the 12 year old seems to be very concerned about her and the 14 year old is fairly quiet at this time. She advised that the 10 year old has asked that the pool be taken down. TC cautioned the mother to be attentive to their emotional needs and seek assistance for them for grief and trauma counseling as may be needed and to also be attentive to she and her husband's needs, allowing supports to assist them during this difficult time.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

TC observed the mother to be emotional during the interview process, yet cooperative and forthcoming with information. More specific and detailed questioning related to the incident/LOS was purposefully delayed in order to respect the timeframe of which the family has been exposed to the trauma of the near fatality of the child. CPSI [REDACTED] will continue to work with the family and follow up with the case and further questioning as necessary

Narrative Type: Created In Error Entry Date/Time: 07/05/2013 03:15 PM Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Incorrect Date noted



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED] Status: Completed
 Contact Date: 07/03/2013 Contact Method: Face To Face
 Contact Time: 03:30 PM Contact Duration: Less than 01 Hour
 Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Recorded For:
 Location: Hospital Created Date: 07/05/2013
 Completed date: 07/05/2013 Completed By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
 Purpose(s): Permanency,Safety - Child/Community,Service Planning,Well Being
 Contact Type(s): ACV Interview/Observation,Collateral Contact,Parent/Caretaker Interview,Sibling
 Interview/Observation
 Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Participant(s)

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 07/05/2013 03:42 PM Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

TC conducted a visit with the family at [REDACTED] and was able to observe ACV [REDACTED] Mrs. [REDACTED] reported that there has been some good news with his condition today. The ventilator was turned down a bit has been able to breathe over it on his own at the current level it is set. His pupils have also dilated in a positive direction today as well. She advised that scans continue to show brain swelling, which is expected, but there is room inside his skull on all sides which doctors report as a good sign. She states that they continue to remain hopeful and take each positive thing they can get. TC was able to observe the child's body today as it was uncovered while the nurse was in checking his vital signs and draining urine. TC noted his body to be absent of marks or bruising from the angle stood with the exception of what appeared to be 2 older small sized scab marks to his left knee. The child is noted to be of fair(light) skinned tone and has a thin frame.

TC was able to meet the 3 older siblings as they were present in the room during the visit. TC sat on the couch with them for several minutes and talked to them about school, things they enjoyed doing, and how their summer had been up to this point. The young men were in a pleasant mood and were often smiling and laughing together with the TC. They reported that child life had come to visit them and they enjoyed being able to visit the game room earlier today. A maternal aunt came by the room to visit, one who apparently had not seen the children in a while and they appeared happy to see her. TC advised the mother to please keep CPS posted on progress and that communications would remain open with her and the family. Ms. [REDACTED] Thanked the TC for the visit and concern.



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 07/02/2013

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 10:07 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 09/02/2013

Completed date: 09/02/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Safety - Child/Community

Contact Type(s): Notation

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning**Participant(s)****Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 09/02/2013 02:37 PM Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

CPSI [REDACTED] completed the CS-0635 Notice of Near Fatality concerning the investigation and forwarded the information to TC [REDACTED] and TL [REDACTED]



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 07/02/2013

Contact Method:

Contact Time: 09:00 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 05

Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location:

Created Date: 09/02/2013

Completed date: 09/02/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Safety - Child/Community

Contact Type(s): Notation

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning**Participant(s)****Narrative Details**

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 09/02/2013 02:35 PM Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

CPSI [REDACTED] completed a TFACTS/SSMS check on the family. It was clear for everyone.



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 07/02/2013

Contact Method: Face To Face

Contact Time: 07:00 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 01 Hour

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: Other Caretaker Home

Created Date: 08/07/2013

Completed date: 08/07/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Safety - Child/Community

Contact Type(s): Collateral Contact, Sibling Interview/Observation

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning**Participant(s)**

[REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 08/07/2013 03:25 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

CPSI [REDACTED] went to the maternal grandmother's home, [REDACTED] to speak with the children. She stated that the kids are doing ok considering. She stated that she has been trying to reassure them since being at her home.

CPSI [REDACTED] spoke with [REDACTED] 14 year old first. He stated that yesterday around 5 pm that his brother, [REDACTED] 10 year old, went outside and [REDACTED] followed him and he did not know it and then [REDACTED] 10 year old came back outside. He stated that he noticed that [REDACTED] was missing and he immediately went to the pool because he saw [REDACTED] go outside with [REDACTED] earlier. He stated that when he went to the pool he saw [REDACTED] face down in the pool. He stated that they have had the pool for about a week. He stated that they have had a pool before, but they got a new one because they moved to a new house in [REDACTED].

CPSI [REDACTED] then spoke with [REDACTED] 10 year old. He stated that yesterday (7/1/13) his mom and dad went to the grocery store and they were at home to watch the baby. He stated that he got [REDACTED] something to eat after his mom and dad left. He stated that he then went outside to get a tool from his dad's truck to get a tool to fix his X-Box. He stated that he did not know he [REDACTED] had followed him. He stated that when he realized that [REDACTED] followed him [REDACTED] went outside and found [REDACTED] in the pool. He stated that he called his mom on the phone and [REDACTED] came to the house and did CPR. He stated that [REDACTED] was doing CPR when he got [REDACTED] out of the pool and did CPR until [REDACTED] arrived at the home. He stated that [REDACTED] lives close by his home. He stated that she lives across the way. He stated it was very close by. He stated that she is someone they contact in case of any problems when their parents leave to run errands, ect. He stated that he did not want have the pool anymore due to what happened to his brother.

CPSI [REDACTED] then spoke with [REDACTED] 12 year old. He stated that he was asleep when the incident with [REDACTED] happened. He stated that when he woke up he saw [REDACTED] giving chest compressions to [REDACTED] and then the police/ambulance showed up at the house.



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: Southwest Region

Case Recording Details

Recording ID:	[REDACTED]	Status:	Completed
Contact Date:	07/02/2013	Contact Method:	Face To Face
Contact Time:	05:45 PM	Contact Duration:	Less than 30
Entered By:	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Recorded For:	
Location:	Hospital	Created Date:	07/05/2013
Completed date:	07/05/2013	Completed By:	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Purpose(s):	Permanency		
Contact Type(s):	Parent/Caretaker Interview		
Contact Sub Type:			

Children Concerning**Participant(s)**

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 07/05/2013 03:15 PM Entered By: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

TC [REDACTED] conducted an interview with the mother. TC asked her how she would describe the incident that caused injury to her son. She responded that her son nearly drowned in the pool on yesterday. She advised that the pool is located in the backyard of their home and is an above ground pool. She stated that her husband just purchased the pool on this past Wednesday at [REDACTED]. It is 3 1/2 ft. 18 inches. She advised that they have purchased a pool like this one before and she intended to teach [REDACTED] how to swim this summer. TC asked her to describe the event as she understood it to have occurred. The mother advised that on yesterday about 8:00 p.m., her 10 year old son unlocked the backdoor and went outside. She stated that he was not supposed to have done so. She stated that he went outside and the 4 year old [REDACTED] followed behind him. [REDACTED] apparently went to the pool, climbed the stairs and went in the pool. She stated that her oldest son noticed that the door was open and [REDACTED] was not inside and he was the one who found his brother in the pool. She was called on the phone and immediately called her niece who lives across the street who is a nurse. TC asked about the proximity of her niece's home and she replied about 50 ft. Her niece administered CPR to the child until paramedics arrived. The child was taken to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and then air lifted to [REDACTED]. She stated that she met the family at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] as she was not at the home when the incident occurred.

TC [REDACTED] inquired about her experience upon arrival at [REDACTED]. She stated that she could not recall names, but she upon arrival at [REDACTED] she met with the [REDACTED] the hospital Social Worker, and the team of medical staff was wonderful and helpful to her and the family. TC spoke to her about family supports she has in place at this time and inquired about where the other children are. She advised that she is the youngest of 15 children and all her siblings and her mother reside in [REDACTED]. She advised that most of her husband's family lives nearby in [REDACTED] [REDACTED] as well. The family attends a church in [REDACTED]. She advised that her Pastor was with the family at [REDACTED] until 4 a.m. this morning. She stated that the other children are with her mother at this time.

TC asked how the other children are doing emotionally at this time. She advised that she has spoken with them via telephone and made efforts to comfort them and told the 10 year old not to blame himself for anything related to the accident. She stated that the 12 year old seems to be very concerned about her and the 14 year old is fairly quiet at this time. She advised that the 10 year old has asked that the pool be taken down. TC cautioned the mother to be attentive to their emotional needs and seek assistance for them for grief and trauma counseling as may be needed and to also be attentive to she and her husband's needs, allowing supports to assist them during this difficult time.



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Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

TC observed the mother to be emotional during the interview process, yet cooperative and forthcoming with information. More specific and detailed questioning related to the incident/LOS was purposefully delayed in order to respect the timeframe of which the family has been exposed to the trauma of the near fatality of the child. CPSI [REDACTED] will continue to work with the family and follow up with the case and further questioning as necessary



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED]

Case Recording Details

Recording ID: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed

Contact Date: 07/02/2013

Contact Method: Face To Face

Contact Time: 05:00 PM

Contact Duration: Less than 01 Hour

Entered By: [REDACTED]

Recorded For:

Location: Hospital

Created Date: 08/07/2013

Completed date: 08/07/2013

Completed By: [REDACTED]

Purpose(s): Safety - Child/Community

Contact Type(s): Initial ACV Face To Face, Parent/Caretaker Interview

Contact Sub Type:

Children Concerning

[REDACTED]

Participant(s)

[REDACTED]

Narrative Details

Narrative Type: Original Entry Date/Time: 08/07/2013 02:58 PM Entered By: [REDACTED]

Child Protective Services Investigator [REDACTED] (CPSI) made a home visit/face to face to initiate the investigation, follow up with the family.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were present during this visit.

In order to engage the family, CPSI explained the current report made to the Tennessee Department of Children's Services and the MRS/Assessment process. CPSI also provided the family with a brochure describing the Multiple Response Approach. CPSI explained all forms and engaged the family during the paperwork process. The custodian signed the Clients Rights Handbook Signature Page, Native American Heritage Veto Verification, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Acknowledgement form, Notice of Equal Access to Programs and Services, and the Release of Information. CPSI obtained signed acknowledgements of such and copies have been placed into the file.

I. Interview with the child: CPSI [REDACTED] was unable to interview [REDACTED] at this time due to being unconscious.

II: Interview with the mother: TC [REDACTED] interviewed [REDACTED] while CPSI [REDACTED] was speaking with [REDACTED]

III: Interview with the father: CPSI [REDACTED] spoke with [REDACTED] birth father concerning the incident involving his son, [REDACTED]. He stated that he was not at home, as he and his wife were out running errands. He stated that he and Mrs. [REDACTED] left [REDACTED] in charge. He stated that [REDACTED] went to get a screwdriver out of the truck to fix his X Box and [REDACTED] followed him. He stated that [REDACTED] followed him when he went outside and [REDACTED] was not aware that [REDACTED] was behind him. He stated that after [REDACTED] got the screwdriver, [REDACTED] went back inside. [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] where [REDACTED] was and [REDACTED] stated that he did not know and they started to look at him. He stated that [REDACTED] went outside and found [REDACTED] face down in the pool. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that the pool was at their home. He stated that [REDACTED] called him mom when they found [REDACTED] in the pool and Mrs. [REDACTED] told him to put [REDACTED] on the phone. [REDACTED] talked to his mother and Mrs. [REDACTED] called her niece, [REDACTED]. He stated that she lived across from the house. He stated that Ms. [REDACTED] did CPR until police and the ambulance arrived on scene.



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Case Recording Summary

Case Id: [REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Case Status: Close

Organization: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

IV: Interview with other household members: N/A

V: CPSI observed [REDACTED] in the hospital. He was on the ventilator and was unable to breathe on his own.

VI: Next Steps: Contact the siblings.

VII: NCPP/FSTM (if applicable): not developed at this time.

VIII: IPA: N/A



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Assessment

Family Name: [REDACTED]

TN DCS Intake ID #: [REDACTED]

County: [REDACTED]

Worker:

Date of Referral: 7/2/13 2:30 PM

Date of Assessment: 7/2/13 12:00 AM

Assessment Type: Initial Closing Other

Number of Children in the Household: 4

Section 1: Immediate Harm Factors

Directions: The following factors are behaviors or conditions that may be associated with a child being in immediate danger of serious harm. Identify the presence of absence of each factor by making either "yes" or "no". Note: The vulnerability of each child needs to be considered throughout the assessment. Children ages zero through six cannot protect themselves. For older children, inability to protect themselves could result from diminished mental or physical capacity or repeated victimization.

Yes No

1. Caretaker caused serious physical harm to the child, or made a plausible threat to cause serious physical harm in the current investigation indicated by (check all that apply):
- Serious injury or abuse to child other than accidental.
 - Death of a child due to abuse or neglect.
 - Care taker fears that s/he will maltreat the child.
 - Threat to cause harm or retaliate against the child.
 - Excessive discipline or physical force.
 - Drug-affected infant/child.
 - Methamphetamine lab exposure.
2. Child sexual abuse is suspected, and circumstances suggest that the child's safety may be of immediate concern.
3. Caretaker fails to protect the child from serious harm or threatened harm by others. This may include physical abuse, sexual abuse, or neglect.
4. Caretaker's explanation for the injury to the child is questionable or inconsistent with the type of injury, and the nature of the injury suggests that the child's safety may be of immediate concern.
5. The family refuses access to the child, or there is reason to believe that the family is about to flee.
6. Caretaker does not meet the child's immediate needs for supervision, food, clothing, and/or medical or mental health care.
7. The physical living conditions are hazardous and immediately threatening to the health and/or safety of the child.
8. Caretaker's current substance abuse seriously impairs his/her ability to supervise, protect, or care for the child.
9. Domestic violence exists in the home and poses a risk of serious physical and/or emotional harm to the child.



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10. Caretaker describes the child in predominantly negative terms or acts toward the child in negative ways that result in the child being a danger to self or others, acting out aggressively, or being severely withdrawn and/or suicidal.
11. Caretaker's emotional stability, developmental status, or cognitive deficiency seriously impairs his/her current ability to supervise, protect, or care for the child.
12. There is a pattern of prior investigations and/or behavior that suggests an escalating threat to child safety.
13. Other (specify)

If no immediate harm factors are observed, proceed to Section 3

Section 2: Safety Interventions

If no immediate harm factors are present, go to Section 3. If one or more immediate harm factors are present, consider whether safety interventions one through eight will allow the child to remain in the home for the present time. Check the item number for all safety interventions that will be implemented. If there are no available safety interventions that would allow the child to remain in the home, indicate by checking item nine or ten, and follow procedures for initiating a voluntary agreement or taking the child into protective custody. Mark all that apply:

Non-Protective Custody Interventions:

1. Intervention or direct services by worker as part of a safety plan.
2. Use of family, neighbors, or other individuals in the community as safety resources.
3. Use of community agencies or services as immediate safety resources.
4. Have caretaker appropriately protect the victim from the alleged perpetrator.
5. Have the alleged perpetrator leave the home, either voluntarily or in response to legal action.
6. Have the non-offending caretaker move to a safe environment with the child.
7. Legal action planned or initiated - child remains in the home.
8. Other (Specify): _____

Protective Custody Interventions:

9. Caretaker signs a voluntary placement agreement that places the child in Department of Children Services (DCS) custody.
10. Child placed in protective custody pursuant to 37-1-113 and 37-1-117 because no interventions are available to adequately ensure the child's safety.



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Section 3: Safety Decision

Identify the safety decision. This decision should be based on the assessment of all immediate harm factors, safety interventions, and any other information known about the family. Mark only one.

- 1. **Safe.** No immediate harm factors were identified at this time. Based on currently available information, there are no children likely to be in immediate danger of serious harm.
- 2. **Conditionally Safe.** One or more immediate harm factors are present, and one or more protecting interventions #1-8 have been planned or taken. Based on protecting interventions, no protective custody action is necessary at this time.
- 3. **Unsafe.** One or more immediate harm factors are present, and placement is the only protecting intervention (#9 or #10) possible for one or more children. Without placement, one or more children will likely be in danger of immediate or serious harm.
 - All children placed.
 - One or more children being placed in protective custody, but others remain in the home. Complete the status of each child below only when one or more children are being removed, but others remain in the home:

Children Removed

Children Not Removed

Case Manager: _____

Date: _____

Team Leader: _____

Date: _____