

CHILD WELFARE AGENCY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM

Date: 7/10/2020

Agency Name: Clark County Department of Family Services (CCDFS)

Agency Address: 121 S. Martin Luther King Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89106-4309

Date of written notification to the Division of Child and Family Services and Legislative Auditor: 5/8/2020

Internal reference UNITY Case Number or Report Number: 1365999

Type of Disclosure:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 48 Hour Child Fatality Notice | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Business Day Near Fatality Notice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 60 Day Update |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9 Month/Final Update | <input type="checkbox"/> Final (Final checkbox left so that if it is a 60 day update they can select Final) | |

Child Fatality Date of Death: 5/6/2020

Near Fatality Date of Near Fatality:

Portions of information on this form have been withheld at the request of North Las Vegas Police Department law enforcement agency.

INFORMATION FOR RELEASE

A. Date of the notification to the child welfare agency about the fatality or near fatality of a child:
5/6/2020

B. Location of child at the time of death or near fatality (city/county):
Las Vegas, Clark

C. A summary of the report of abuse or neglect and a factual description of the contents of the report:
CCDFS received a report concerning a baby who was found deceased in his mother's motel room. It was reported that relatives attempted to visit the mother in her motel room, but she would not allow them entry. They became concerned and notified law enforcement. Law enforcement and emergency medical personnel responded to the location. The mother was discovered to have given birth to twins, one of whom was found to be deceased. Concerns were noted with regard to the living environment and circumstances of the birth.

D. The date of birth and gender of child:
5/5/2020, Male

E. The date that the child suffered the fatality or near fatality:
5/6/2020

F. The cause of the fatality or near fatality, if such information has been determined:
Release of the cause of the fatality will remain pending until receipt of official coroner documentation.

G. Whether the agency had any contact with the child or a member of the child's family or household before the fatality or near fatality and, if so...

- (1) The frequency of any contact or communication with the child or a member of the child's family or household before the fatality or near fatality and the date on which the last contact or communication occurred before the fatality or near fatality;
- (2) Whether the agency which provides child welfare services provided any child welfare services to the child or to a member of the child's family or household before or at the time of the fatality or near fatality;
- (3) Whether the agency which provides child welfare services made any referrals for child welfare services for the child or for a member of the child's family or household before or at the time of the fatality or near fatality;
- (4) Whether the agency which provides child welfare services took any other actions concerning the welfare of the child before or at the time of the fatality or near fatality; and

- (5) A summary of the status of the child's case at the time of the fatality or near fatality, including, without limitation, whether the child's case was closed by the agency which provides child welfare services before the fatality or near fatality and, if so, the reasons that the case was closed.

The information contained in this section is limited to contact(s) with the child who is the subject of this disclosure or a member of that child's family or household that is related to the fatality or near fatality incident. This limitation is required to preserve the confidentiality of all child abuse and neglect reports and records in order to protect the rights of the child and family as mandated by the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.).

CCDFS has the following prior CPS history for this family or household:

10/14/2010 – A report was received alleging abuse. Upon conclusion of a requisite investigation, the allegation was found unsubstantiated.

4/3/2014 – A referral was received and was coded "Information Only."

5/26/2014 – A report was received alleging abuse and neglect. Court action was initiated and a relevant family member was determined to be in need of protection. The family was placed under formal supervision and a case plan was put in place. Appropriate referrals and services were provided to the family. On 2/26/2015, a second report was received alleging neglect and court action was also initiated in this instance. The allegations in both reports were found substantiated. During the course of the open case, a referral was received on 2/3/2015 that was coded "Information Only". Additionally, on 2/24/2015 and 7/1/2015, reports were received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of a requisite investigations in each instance, the allegations were found unsubstantiated. On 11/17/2015, the court terminated wardship and custody and the case closed.

4/4/2016 – A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of a requisite investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated.

9/15/2017 – A referral was received and was coded "Information Only".

2/26/2018 – A report was received alleging abuse, with additional information being received on 3/1/2018. On 7/10/2019, a second report was opened alleging abuse following the birth of another child. Court action was initiated in each instance with the minors being determined to be in need of protection. The allegations in both reports were found substantiated. The family was placed under formal supervision and a case plan was put in place. On 8/6/2019 wardship was terminated with regard to one of the minors. On 3/26/2020, a referral was received and was coded "Information Only". Appropriate referrals and services are being provided to the family. The case remains open.

H. Whether the agency which provides child welfare services, in response to the fatality or near fatality...

- (1) Has provided or intends to provide child welfare services to the child or to a member of the child's family or household; and
- (2) Has made or intends to make a referral for child welfare services for the child or for a member of the child's family or household; and
- (3) Has taken or intends to take any other action concerning the welfare and safety of the child or any member of the child's family or household.

CCDFS opened a case for investigation. Family assessment remains ongoing. CCDFS will, as deemed appropriate, continue to provide child welfare services, make referrals for child welfare services, and/or take action concerning the welfare and safety of relevant members of the child's family or household.

NON-DISCLOSURE NOTICE

The following information must not be released (see Policy on Public Disclosure of Child Fatality and Near Fatality Information, page 5): 1) Information regarding the sibling(s) of a deceased child; 2) a privileged communication between attorney and client; 3) information regarding the sibling(s) of a deceased child; 4) the name of the reporting party or individual making an allegation or referral will not be released; 5) if the disclosure of the information would adversely affect any pending investigation concerning a report (NRS 432B.290(4)-(5)); 6) if the disclosure violates other federal or state law, including, but not limited to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Family Educational and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), alcohol and drug abuse patient records (42 USC §290dd-2 and 42 CFR §212 (c)(6)), and any other applicable law.