Division of Child and Family Services Family Programs Office: Statewide Policy Manual MTL# 0401-01182019 Section 0400

## CHILD WELFARE AGENCY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM

Date: 12/14/2020

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: 12/14/2020

Internal reference UNITY Case Number or Report Number: 1410136

Type of Disclosure:		
☐ 48 Hour Child Fatality Notice	■ 5 Business Day Near Fatality Notice	☐ 60 Day Update
☐ 9 Month/Final Update	☐ Final (Final checkbox left so that if it is a 60 day select Final)	update they can
<ul> <li>☐ Child Fatality</li> <li>☐ Date of Death:</li> <li>☐ Near Fatality</li> <li>☐ Portions of information on this form have been withheld at the request of _(Name of agency)_ law enforcement agency.</li> </ul>		

## INFORMATION FOR RELEASE

- A. Date of the notification to the child welfare agency about the fatality or near fatality of a child: 12/6/2020
- 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 that the infant's adult caregiver brought the infant into a local hospital due to her exhibiting signs of physical distress. Medical assessment determined the infant to be in serious condition, and she was admitted for ongoing care and treatment. A concern was noted that the infant had been left in the care of an inappropriate adult caregiver who did not properly take care of the child, which lead to the infant's medical episode.
- D. The date of birth and gender of child:

6/22/2020, Female

E. The date that the child suffered the fatality or near fatality:

12/5/2020

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F. The cause of the fatality or near fatality, if such information has been determined:

The cause of the near fatality is under investigation.

- 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

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(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 child or member of the child's family or household:

10/28/2015 – A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of the requisite investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated. Information regarding community resources was provided to the family and the case closed.

3/15/2019 – A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of the requisite investigation, the allegations were found substantiated. The family was provided with appropriate services and referrals, and they were provided with information regarding community resources. The case closed.

2/3/2020 – A report was received alleging neglect. Court action was initiated and relevant family members were found to be in need of protection. The allegations were found substantiated. The family was placed under formal supervision, a case plan was put in place, and appropriate referrals and services were provided to the family. During the course of the open case, a referral was received on 6/9/2020 and was coded "Information Only". On 6/23/2020 a report was received alleging neglect, and upon conclusion of a requisite investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated. On 9/14/2020, relevant family members were reunified with an appropriate caregiver, and an in-home safety plan was put in place. An additional report was received on 9/22/2020 alleging neglect, with the allegations being found substantiated. The case remains open for ongoing referrals and services.

- 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 has opened a case for investigation and family assessment. CCDFS will, as deemed appropriate, provide child welfare services, make referrals for child welfare services, and/or take action concerning the welfare and safety of the child and/or 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.

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