

CHILD WELFARE AGENCY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM

Date: 8/29/2013

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: 8/2/2013

Internal reference UNITY ID or Report Number: 1389339

Type of Report: 48 Hour Notice 15 Day Update 30 Day Update Final

Child **Date of Death:** 7/30/2013

Fatality

Near **Date of Near Fatality:**

Fatality

Portions of information on this form have been withheld at the request of
_____ **law enforcement agency.**

(Name of agency)

Information for Release:

A. Date of the notification to the child welfare agency of the death of a child:

The date of this fatality was 7/30/2013. CCDFS was notified of the fatality on 7/30/2013.

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:

Emergency medical personnel and law enforcement responded to a local residence on a report of an unresponsive child. The child was transported to a local hospital where she was pronounced deceased. Concerns were noted relating to the child's existing medical issues, as well as environmental conditions in the home.

D. The date of birth and gender of child: 3/26/2013, Female

E. The date that the child suffered the fatality or near fatality: 7/30/2013

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 are 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 received one prior referral 10/02/2007 involving the natural mother as an alleged victim. The factual circumstances of this referral did not rise to the level of warranting an investigation and was coded "Information Only".

The natural father of the deceased child has CPS history as an alleged child victim that included him being a former Ward of the Court, with custody granted to the State of Nevada and/or Clark County between 2002 and 2010. Multiple services were administered to the child and family throughout the duration of the minor's Wardship and open cases. His history as a minor is as follows.

Between 8/4/1998 and 11/9/2004, five referrals were received with factual circumstances that did not rise to the level of warranting an investigation, and were coded "Information Only".

Between 6/15/1998 and 11/12/2006, eight reports were received alleging neglect. Upon conclusions of requisite investigations, three reports were found unsubstantiated and three reports were found substantiated. Two of the reports involved court intervention and were court substantiated.

On 8/4/1998, a report was received alleging abuse. Upon conclusion of a requisite investigation, the allegation was found unsubstantiated.

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.

Investigation and family assessment are 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 4): 1) Information regarding the sibling(s) of a deceased child; 2) the name of the reporting party or individual making an allegation or referral will not be released; 3) if the disclosure of the information would adversely affect any pending investigation concerning a report (NRS 432B.290(3)); 4) 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.