

CHILD WELFARE AGENCY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM

Date: 10/10/2013

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: 9/20/2013

Internal reference UNITY ID or Report Number: 1293867

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

Child Fatality **Date of Death:**

Near Fatality **Date of Near Fatality:** 9/10/2013

Portions of information on this form have been withheld at the request of Henderson Police Department and Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department law enforcement agencies.

Information for Release:

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

The date of this near fatality was 9/10/2013. CCDFS was notified of the near fatality on 9/11/2013 at 2:48 a.m.

B. Location of child at the time of death or near fatality (city/county): Henderson, 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 child had been severely burned and was transported to a local hospital where he was listed in critical condition.

The factual circumstances as to the events surrounding the incident are under investigation.

D. The date of birth and gender of child: 9/12/2001, Male

E. The date that the child suffered the fatality or near fatality: 9/10/2013

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
- (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 has received the following prior referrals for the child and/or his family:

Between 7/13/1999 and 9/17/2012 – sixteen referrals were received alleging neglect and/or abuse. The factual circumstances in four referrals did not rise to the level warranting an investigation, the allegations in nine reports were found unsubstantiated, and the allegations in three reports were found substantiated.

On 1/2/2012 a report was received alleging neglect and abuse. Court action was initiated and the child and other relevant family members were found to be in need of protection, and were placed under the court's jurisdiction. The allegations in the report were court substantiated. A case plan was put in place and referrals for services were provided to the family as assessment indicated. On 8/7/2013, the court closed its case.

- 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.

This near fatality has been assigned for investigation by CCDFS and local law enforcement. 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.