

CHILD WELFARE AGENCY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM

Date: 4/23/2018

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: 3/29/2018. Please note that the initial disclosure was submitted not later than 5 business days of the near fatality, pursuant to NRS 432B.175(1).

Internal reference UNITY ID or Report Number: 1440149

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

Child **Date of Death:**

Fatality

Near **Date of Near Fatality:** 3/22/2018

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 of the death of a child:

CCDFS was notified of the near fatality on 3/22/2018.

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 child was transported from one local hospital to another for treatment of an unexplained medical condition. The caregiver, identified as a foster care provider, was unable to provide an explanation consistent with medical evaluation of the child's condition. The child was admitted to the hospital and listed in serious condition.

D. The date of birth and gender of child: 11/18/2015, Male

E. The date that the child suffered the fatality or near fatality: 3/22/2018

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 the following CPS history for the child who is the subject of this public disclosure: On 11/19/2015, a report was received alleging abuse and neglect. Court action was initiated and the child was found to be in need of protection and was placed in foster care. The allegations in the report were substantiated. On 8/21/2016, the child was placed back in his home on a trial home visit. On 1/31/2017 a report was received alleging neglect. Court action was initiated in this instance, with the child being found in need of protection and he was again placed in foster care. The case remains open.

CCDFS received one prior referral for the foster home in which the child was placed. The factual circumstances of this report did not rise to the level of warranting an investigation and was coded "Information Only."

- 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 an investigation with regard to the near fatality incident. Pursuant to CCDFS policy, other relevant household members were immediately removed from the foster home. CCDFS will continue to, 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'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.