

# CHILD WELFARE AGENCY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM

Date: 2/25/2019

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: 2/1/2019

Internal reference UNITY ID or Report Number: 1425243

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

Child Date of Death: 1/24/2019

Fatality

Near Date of Near Fatality:

Fatality

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

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## Information for Release:

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

CCDFS received a general notice of the child's death on 1/24/2019. No information surrounding the circumstances of the death was received at that time. On 1/30/2019, additional information was received and CCDFS opened an investigation as to the fatality incident.

**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 death occurred on 1/24/2019 due to an alleged co-sleeping incident. The circumstances surrounding the death of the infant are under investigation.

**D. The date of birth and gender of child:** 12/4/2018, Female

**E. The date that the child suffered the fatality or near fatality:** 1/24/2019

**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 has the following prior CPS history for this child and/or her family:

1/20/2017 – A report was received alleging abuse and neglect. Upon conclusion of a requisite investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated.

9/21/2018 – The factual circumstances of this report did not rise to the level of warranting an investigation and was coded “Information Only.”

12/4/2018 – The factual circumstances of this report did not rise to the level of warranting an investigation and was coded “Information Only.”

12/10/2018 – A report was received alleging abuse. CCDFS responded to the reported address and upon appropriate inquiry, information was received that the family no longer resided at the address. CCDFS conducted diligent search efforts to locate the family, including accessing relevant human services databases. Due to unsuccessful attempts to make contact with the family and insufficient information available to support the allegation, the allegation was unsubstantiated and the case closed.

The below reports relate to a separate relevant household:

8/13/2001 – The factual circumstances of this report did not rise to the level of warranting an investigation and was coded “Information Only.”

5/2/2011 – A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of a requisite investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated.

4/9/2016 – A report was received alleging neglect. Based on the factual circumstances of the report, it was referred to an outside agency for assessment through the Differential Response program.

10/21/2016 – The factual circumstances of this report did not rise to the level of warranting an investigation and was coded “Information Only.”

10/24/2016 – The factual circumstances of this report did not rise to the level of warranting an investigation and was coded “Information Only.”

1/20/2017 – A report was received alleging abuse. Upon conclusion of a requisite investigation, the allegation was found substantiated.

3/28/2017 – A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of a requisite investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated.

2/10/2018 – The factual circumstances of this report did not rise to the level of warranting an investigation and was coded “Information Only.”

4/10/2018 – 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 opened a case for investigation and family assessment at the time of the fatality incident. Final disposition of the investigation is pending.

#### 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.