

CHILD WELFARE AGENCY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM

Date: 1/28/2020

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: 12/20/2019

Internal reference UNITY Case Number or Report Number: 1423706

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 update they can select Final)

- Child Fatality Date of Death:
 Near Fatality Date of Near Fatality: 12/16/2019
 Portions of information on this form have been withheld at the request of (Name of agency) 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 12/17/2019.
- B. Location of child at the time of death or near fatality (city/county):
N. 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 to a local hospital by his parent with the concern the child had gained access to and ingested medication. The child was transported to a secondary hospital for further treatment, and medical assessment of the child determined him to be in critical condition. The child made a full recovery and was expected to be discharged from the hospital later that day.
- D. The date of birth and gender of child:
6/27/2017, Male
- E. The date that the child suffered the fatality or near fatality:
12/16/2019
- F. The cause of the fatality or near fatality, if such information has been determined:
No maltreatment was found to be a factor in this near fatality incident.
- 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 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:

11/12/2015 – A referral was received and was coded "Information Only."

12/3/2016 – A report was received alleging abuse and neglect. Court action was initiated and relevant members of the family were determined to be in need of protection. The allegations in the report were substantiated. During the course of the case, additional court action was initiated. Case plans were put in place and appropriate referrals and services were provided. Additionally, during the course of the open case referrals were received on 6/2/2017, 7/25/2018, 7/26/2018, 9/19/2018 and were coded "Information Only." On 11/14/2018, the permanency goal reunification with the natural mother occurred and a safety plan was put in place. On 12/19/2018, the court terminated jurisdiction and wardship, with a 432B.550(1)(a) Termination Order giving the natural mother sole, legal and physical custody of the relevant family members.

2/7/2019 – A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of a requisite investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated.

4/22/2019 – A referral was received 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 completed its investigation and family assessment. The investigation found no evidence to support the near fatality incident was a result of maltreatment and the child is assessed as safe. The family was provided with information regarding community resources. No further CPS intervention has been deemed necessary and the case is closed.

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.