

CHILD WELFARE AGENCY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM

Date: 12/8/2020

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: 12/8/2020

Internal reference UNITY Case Number or Report Number: 1391898

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: 11/30/2020
 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 about the fatality or near fatality of a child:

12/1/2020

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 arrived at a local hospital in physical distress on 11/30/2020. Upon medical assessment she was deemed to be in serious/critical condition. On 12/1/2020, the child was reported to have left the hospital with her adult caregiver and against medical advice. The child has an underlying medical condition and a concern is noted regarding the overall management of the child's medical condition by her adult caregiver.

D. The date of birth and gender of child:

3/25/2005, Female

E. The date that the child suffered the fatality or near fatality:

11/30/2020

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 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:

11/6/2013 – A referral was received and was coded "Information Only".

11/8/2013 – A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of a requisite investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated.

3/5/2015 – A report was received alleging abuse. Upon conclusion of a requisite investigation, the allegation was found unsubstantiated.

4/2/2015 – A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of a requisite investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated.

4/21/2015 – A referral was received and was coded "Information Only".

4/29/2015 – A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of a requisite investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated.

9/3/2015 – A referral was received and was coded "Information Only".

12/1/2016 – A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of a requisite investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated.

8/23/2017 – A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of a requisite investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated.

10/10/2017 – A report was received alleging neglect. Court action was initiated in the matter, with the child and relevant family members determined to be in need of protection. The family was placed under formal supervision and a case plan was put in place. Appropriate referrals and services were provided to the family. On 4/18/2018, a second report was received alleging neglect and court action was also initiated in this instance. The allegations in both reports were found substantiated. During the course of the open case, an additional report alleging neglect was received on 8/10/2018. Upon conclusion of a requisite investigation, the allegations were found substantiated. On 12/19/2018, the court terminated wardship and custody, and the case closed.

8/14/2019 – A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of a requisite investigation, the allegations were found substantiated. During the course of the open case, referrals were received on 9/16/2019 and 10/8/2019 and were coded "Information Only". At the time of case closure, relevant family members were in DCFS protective custody in another state, with all follow up case management services to be completed by that local jurisdiction. The case closed.

1/5/2020 – A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of a requisite investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated. CCDFS worked with the out-of-state DCFS jurisdiction where the family members were wards of the court, and appropriate services and referrals were provided. The case closed.

1/24/2020 – A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of a requisite investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated. CCDFS worked with the out-of-state DCFS jurisdiction where the relevant family member was a ward of the court, and the family member was returned to the out-of-state DCFS jurisdiction's care. The case closed.

3/1/2020 – A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of a requisite investigation, the allegations were found substantiated. CCDFS worked with the out-of-state DCFS jurisdiction where the family member was a ward of the court, and appropriate services and referrals were provided. The case closed.

7/24/2020 and 8/3/2020 – Reports were received alleging neglect. 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, and making contact with the appropriate out-of-state DCFS jurisdiction. 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.

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 a case for investigation and family assessment. CCDFS will, 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.

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.