

## CHILD WELFARE AGENCY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM

**Date:** 4/6/2022

**Agency Name:** Clark County Department of Family Services

**Agency Address:** 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Las Vegas, NV 89155

**Date of written notification to the Division of Child and Family Services and Legislative Auditor:** 3/31/2022

**Internal reference UNITY Case Number:** 1495922

- Child Fatality**      **Date of Death:**
- Near Fatality**      **Date of Near Fatality:** 3/24/2022
- Portions of information on this form have been withheld at the request of Henderson Police Department law enforcement agency.**
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### INFORMATION FOR RELEASE

- A. Date of the notification to the child welfare agency of the fatality/near fatality of a child:**  
3/24/2022
- 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's adult caregiver contacted 9-1-1 due to the child exhibiting signs of physical distress. Emergency medical personnel responded to the residence and transported the child to a local hospital. Based upon medical evaluation, the child was determined to be in serious condition and arrangements to transport him to another local hospital for specialized care was being arranged. There is a concern that no information or explanation was provided by his caregiver that would account for the child's condition.
- D. The date of birth and gender of child:**  
6/20/2020, Male
- E. The date that the child suffered the fatality or near fatality:**  
3/24/2022
- F. The cause of the fatality or near fatality, if such information has been determined:**  
The cause of the 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 no prior CPS history for the adult caregivers in whose care the child was in at the time of the near fatality.

CCDFS has the following prior CPS history for this child:

6/20/2020 – A report was received alleging abuse. Upon conclusion of the requisite investigation, the allegation was found unsubstantiated. Based upon assessment appropriate referrals and services were provided to the family. The family had support from other family members and the child was deemed safe at case closure.

9/27/2021 – A report was received alleging neglect. Court action was initiated, and the child was determined to be in need of protection. The Court ordered the child to be placed in the home of an appropriate out-of-home caregiver. The allegations were found substantiated. A case plan was put in place, with services and referrals being provided based upon assessment. The case remains open.

**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 with regard to the child who is the subject of this disclosure. A companion investigation has also been opened with regard to other relevant household members related to the caregivers. Family assessment will remain ongoing and 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 and/or 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 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.