

CHILD WELFARE AGENCY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM

Date: 6/10/2024

Agency Name: Clark County Family Services (CCFS)

Agency Address: 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy, 5th Floor, Las Vegas, NV 89155

Date of written notification to the Division of Child and Family Services and Legislative Auditor: 6/10/2024

Internal reference UNITY Case Number: 1452471

- Child Fatality** **Date of Death:** 6/7/2024
 Near Fatality **Date of Near 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 fatality/near fatality of a child:**
6/7/2024
- 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:**
On the evening of 6/6/2024, CCFS received a report that law enforcement responded to a report of a missing 2-year-old child that was made by his adult caregiver. At the time of the report, there were concerns with statements made by the child's adult caregiver.

On 6/7/2024, CCFS received additional information that the missing 2-year-old child had been found deceased, with physical injuries, in an alleyway off Lewis Avenue and 14th Street.
- D. The date of birth and gender of child:**
7/21/2021, Male
- E. The date that the child suffered the fatality or near fatality:**
6/7/2024
- F. The cause of the fatality or near fatality, if such information has been determined:**
The cause and manner of death are pending official autopsy findings.
- 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.).

CCFS has the following prior CPS history for this child or member of the child's family or household:

1/2/2019 – A referral was received and was coded “Information Only”.

9/12/2019 – A report alleging neglect was received by the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS). Court action was initiated in the matter, and the relevant family member was deemed to be in need of protection, being placed within the State's jurisdiction. The allegations were found substantiated. The family was placed under formal supervision, a case plan was put in place, and appropriate referrals and services were provided to the family. On 8/27/2020, a second report was opened by DCFS alleging abuse and neglect following the birth of another relevant family member. Court action was also initiated in this instance, with the second relevant family member also being deemed in need of protection. The allegations were found substantiated. The family remained under formal supervision and a new case plan was put in the place to include the second relevant family member. A permanency plan was later put in place for each relevant family member. On 1/31/2022, the court formally terminated the State's jurisdiction with regard to the aforementioned relevant family members, with the permanency goals having been achieved. The case closed.

10/2/2022 – CCFS received a report alleging neglect. Court action was initiated in Clark County and the child who is the subject of this disclosure, along with another relevant family member, were deemed to be in need of protection. The family was placed under formal supervision, a case plan was put in place, and appropriate referrals and services were provided to the family. On 4/1/2024, the minor children were reunified with an appropriate caregiver, with an in-home safety plan being put in place. On 5/14/2024, a hearing was held, and the court terminated jurisdiction and legal custody by CCFS, and pursuant to NRS 432.550(1)(a), awarded the appropriate parent sole legal and physical custody of the minor children. 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.

CCFS has opened a case for investigation and family assessment. CCFS will, as deemed appropriate, provide child welfare services, make referrals for child welfare services, and/or take action concerning the welfare and safety of 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.