

CHILD WELFARE AGENCY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM

Date: 6/13/2024

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: 6/13/2024

Internal reference UNITY Case Number: 1392197

- Child Fatality** **Date of Death:**
- Near Fatality** **Date of Near Fatality:** 6/7/2024
- Portions of information on this form have been withheld at the request of** (Name of agency) **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:**
CCFS received a report that the child overdosed on a controlled substance at a local bus stop restroom. An adult relative family member and another juvenile were with him at the time of the incident. The child was transported to a local area hospital where medical evaluation deemed him to be in critical condition. There is a concern with regard with regard to his adult caregiver's supervision of the child, as well as how the child was able to gain access to the controlled substance.
- D. The date of birth and gender of child:**
9/28/2009, 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 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.).

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

11/19/2013 – A report was received alleging abuse and neglect. Upon conclusion of the requisite investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated.

6/8/2017 – A referral was received and was coded “Information Only”.

5/18/2019 – A report was received alleging neglect. Court action was initiated, with the child and relevant family members being taken into protective custody. Upon conclusion of the requisite investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated. Appropriate services and referrals were provided to the family based upon assessment. The child and relevant family members were returned to their adult caregiver on 6/7/2019 and no further court action was deemed necessary. The case closed.

8/15/2021 – A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of the requisite investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information and materials regarding available community resources, and the case closed.

12/7/2021 – A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of the requisite investigation, the allegations were found substantiated. On 12/20/2021, during the course of the investigation, a second report alleging neglect was received. The allegations in that report were found unsubstantiated. Based upon assessment, the family was not in need of ongoing services, and the case closed.

3/28/2022 – A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of the requisite investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated. Based upon assessment, the family was provided with relevant needed information, as well as general information regarding available community resources. The case closed.

6/17/2022 – A referral was received and was coded “Information Only”.

12/4/2023 – A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of the requisite investigation, the allegations were found substantiated. On 1/6/2024, during the course of the open investigation, a report was received alleging abuse and neglect involving the child who is the subject of this disclosure and another adult caregiver with whom he was residing. Upon conclusion of the requisite investigation, the allegations were found substantiated. During the course of the open case, the child and family’s whereabouts became unknown. CCFS conducted diligent search efforts to locate the child and family, including accessing relevant human services databases, however the efforts were unsuccessful. The case closed.

2/6/2024 – A report was received alleging abuse and neglect. CCFS responded to hospital where the child was reported to be, however he ran away from the hospital prior to being placed into Protective Custody. A missing person report was filed with law enforcement. Initially, contact was able to be made with the family, however they ceased responding and their whereabouts became unknown. CCFS conducted diligent search efforts to locate the family, including accessing relevant human services databases. Due to unsuccessful attempts to locate the family, the case closed and was coded “Unable to Locate”.

3/14/2024 – A report was received alleging abuse and neglect. Court action was initiated with the child being taken into protective custody. On 4/16/2024, a hearing was held, with the child being noted as being on runaway status. The Petition was Dismissed Without Prejudice. Upon conclusion of the requisite investigation, the allegations of neglect were found substantiated, and the allegation of abuse was found unsubstantiated. 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 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.