Division of Child and Family Services MTL# 0401-12032021
Family Programs Office: Statewide Policy Manual Section 0400

CHILD WELFARE AGENCY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM

Date: 10/28/2024

Agency Name: Clark County Family Services (CCFS)

Agency Address: 121 S. Martin Luther King Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89106

Date of written notification to the Division of Child and Family Services and Legislative Auditor: 10/28/2024

Internal reference UNITY Case Number: 1499045

\boxtimes	Child Fatality	Date of Death: 10/23/2024
	Near Fatality	Date of Near Fatality:
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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: 10/23/2024
- 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 was found unresponsive in the residence of his relative caregivers. Upon finding the child, the caregivers called 9-1-1 and life saving measures were commenced on scene. Emergency medical personnel arrived at the residence, took over life saving measures, and transported the child to a local area hospital, where he was pronounced deceased. There are concerns with the overall home environment and lack of explanation relating to the child's death. Law enforcement is investigating the event.
- D. The date of birth and gender of child:

6/18/2022, Male

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

10/23/2024

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;
 - (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:

6/19/2022 – A referral was received and was coded "Information/Referral". An appropriate referral to a community resource.

8/1/2022 - A referral was received and was coded "Information Only".

11/6/2023 – A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of the requisite I investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated.

CCFS has the following prior CPS history for the relative caregiver and household in whose care the child was in at the time of the fatality:

8/21/2003 – A report was received alleging abuse and neglect. Court action was initiated with the relevant family member being determined to be in need of protection. The allegations were found court 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 2/16/2005, the court terminated jurisdiction, and the case closed.

9/28/2005 – A report was received alleging neglect. Court action was initiated with a relevant family member being determined to be in need of protection. The allegation was found court 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. During the course of the open case, on 12/12/2005 and 4/11/2006, referrals were received and was coded "Information Only". Additionally, on 11/20/2006, a report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of the requisite investigation in this instance, the allegation was found unsubstantiated. On 4/19/2007, the court terminated jurisdiction and the case closed.

6/27/2014 – A report was received alleging abuse. Upon conclusion of the requisite investigation, allegations were found substantiated. During the course of the open case, on 8/18/2014 a report was received alleging abuse and neglect. Court action was initiated in the matter, with the family being placed under formal In-Home Supervision. A case plan was put in place with appropriate referrals and services were provided to the family. Allegations for the 8/18/2014 were found substantiated. On 1/15/2015, a hearing was held and the petition was dismissed by the court. The case closed.

7/7/2015 - A referral was received and was coded "Information Only".

4/7/2016 – A referral was received and was coded "Information Only".

6/2/2016 – A report was received alleging abuse. Upon conclusion of the requisite investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated.

1/13/2017 – A report was received alleging abuse. Further, on 1/17/2017, a referral was received and was coded "Additional Information". Upon conclusion of the requisite investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated. Based on assessment, the family was provided with appropriate referrals and services, and the case closed.

4/13/2017 – A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of the requisite investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated.

12/4/2017 – A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of the requisite investigation, the allegation was found unsubstantiated. A cross report was made to the jurisdiction in which relevant family members were residing, and the case closed.

6/7/2019 – A referral was received and was coded "Information Only".

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8/16/2021 – A referral was received and was coded "Information/Referral". An appropriate referral to a community resource.

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12/4/2021 – A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of the requisite investigation, the allegation was found substantiated. Based on assessment, the family was provided with an appropriate referral for services, and the case closed.

2/1/2022 - A referral was received and was coded "Information Only".

2/17/2022 - A referral was received and was coded "Information Only".

3/11/2022 – A referral was received and was coded "Information Only".

7/25/2022 – A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of the requisite investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated. Based on assessment, the family was provided with an appropriate referral for services, and the case closed.

11/10/2022 – A report was received alleging abuse and neglect. On 1/15/2023, during the course of the open investigation, a second report was received alleging abuse and neglect. During the course of the open case, referrals were received on 2/10/2023, 3/23/2023, 5/14/2023 and 5/18/2023 that were coded "Information Only". Upon conclusion of the requisite investigation for each instance, the allegations were found unsubstantiated, and the case closed.

9/6/2024 - A referral was received and was coded "Information Only".

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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. A companion case has also been opened with regard to another relevant household member related to the caregiver. 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.