

CHILD WELFARE AGENCY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM

Date: 7/8/2024

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: 7/8/2024

Internal reference UNITY Case Number: 1493182

- Child Fatality** **Date of Death:**
- Near Fatality** **Date of Near Fatality:** 6/29/2024
- 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:**
6/30/2024
- 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, on 6/30/2024, the child was taken to a local area hospital by her non-relative adult caregiver due to the child sustaining injuries and exhibiting signs of physical distress. Upon medical evaluation, the child was determined to be in critical condition and was admitted for ongoing care and treatment. There are concerns with a delay in seeking medical care for the child and that the explanation provided for the child's condition is not consistent with medical evaluation.
- D. The date of birth and gender of child:**
5/26/2023, Female
- E. The date that the child suffered the fatality or near fatality:**
6/29/2024
- 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:

4/8/2011 – A report was received alleging neglect. A separate referral was received 4/11/2011 that was coded "Information Only". Upon conclusion of the requisite investigation the allegation was found substantiated. On 5/17/2011, during the course of the open case, a report was received alleging abuse and neglect. Court action was initiated and a relevant family member was determined to be in need of protection. The allegation was 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 6/19/2012, the court terminated wardship. The case closed.

9/20/2013 – A referral was received and was coded "information Only".

9/23/2013 – A report was received alleging abuse. Upon conclusion of the requisite investigation, the allegation was found unsubstantiated. Based on assessment, the family was provided with an appropriate referral for services. The case closed.

6/17/2014 – A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of the requisite investigation, allegations were found substantiated. Based on assessment, the family was provided with an appropriate referral for services. The case closed.

6/24/2015 – A report was received alleging neglect, and a referral was received that was coded "Additional Information". Court action was initiated and relevant family members were determined to be in need of protection. 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 12/4/2015, during the course of the open case, a report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of a requisite investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated. A referral was also received on 1/23/2015 that was coded "Additional Information".

On 11/10/2015, a hearing was held, and the court terminated jurisdiction and wardship with a 432B.550(1)(a) Termination Order giving the appropriate parent sole, legal and physical custody of relevant family members. On 4/11/2016, the court terminated wardship of another relevant family member and the case closed.

12/31/2019 – A referral was received and was coded "Information/Referral". An appropriate referral was made to a community resource.

1/18/2022 – A referral was received and was coded "Information Only".

2/23/2022 – A referral was received and was coded "Information Only".

5/27/2023 – A referral was received and was coded "Information/Referral". An appropriate referral was made to a community resource.

7/17/2023 – A referral was received and was coded "Information/Referral". An appropriate referral was made to a community resource.

10/27/2023 – 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 appropriate services and referrals for services. They were also provided information regarding other available community resources and services. The case closed.

11/7/2023 – 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.

1/19/2024 – 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 appropriate services and referrals for services. The case closed.

1/23/2024 – A referral was received and was coded "Information Only".

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 other relevant household members related to the caregivers. 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 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.