

CHILD WELFARE AGENCY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM

Date: 8/22/2024

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: 8/22/2024

Internal reference UNITY Case Number: 1401050

- Child Fatality** **Date of Death:** 8/17/2024
 Near Fatality **Date of Near Fatality:** 8/9/2024
 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:

Near fatality: 8/9/2024

Fatality: 8/19/2024

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 8/9/2024, CCFS received a referral indicating the child was transported to a local Urgent Care facility by his adult caregiver due to the child exhibiting signs of distress from an underlying medical condition. Medical treatment was administered at the facility and the child was then transported to a local area hospital. Medical assessment determined the child to be in critical condition. At the time of the referral, there were no concerns of abuse or neglect, nor concerns for the adult caregiver delaying medical treatment. The referral was coded "Information Only".

On 8/19/2024, CCFS received additional information relating to the child, including that the child was pronounced deceased on 8/17/2024. Based upon evaluation and the additional information received, CCFS opened an investigation due to concerns with a possible delay in seeking treatment for the child and the overall management of the child's underlying medical condition by his adult caregiver.

D. The date of birth and gender of child:

10/27/2011, Male

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

Near fatality: 8/9/2024

Fatality: 8/17/2024

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:

11/11/2014 & 11/12/2014 - A report was received alleging neglect with a second referral coded "Additional Information". Upon conclusion of the requisite investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated. Based on assessment, the family was provided with an appropriate referral for services, as well as provided with information regarding other available community resources and services. The case closed.

3/4/2016 - A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of the requisite investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated. The case closed.

4/16/2016 – A referral was received and was coded "Information Only".

10/11/2017 – A referral was received and was coded "Information Only".

11/17/2017 – A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of the requisite investigation, the allegation was found unsubstantiated. Based upon assessment, the family was not in need of services, and the case closed.

1/9/2019 – A referral was received and was coded "Information Only".

3/4/2019 – A referral was received and was coded "Information Only".

7/27/2019 - 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, as well as provided with relevant information regarding other available community resources and services. The case closed.

7/19/2020 - A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of the requisite investigation, the allegations were found substantiated. Based on assessment, the family was provided with an appropriate referral for services as well as other information for relevant community resources. The case closed.

9/23/2020 - A report was received alleging abuse and neglect. Upon conclusion of the requisite investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated. Based on assessment, the family was provided with appropriate referrals for services, as well as provided with information regarding other available community resources and services. The case closed

12/13/2022 – A referral was received and was coded "Information Only".

12/19/2022 – A referral was received and was coded "Information Only".

1/12/2023 – 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. 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.