

CHILD WELFARE AGENCY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM

Date: 10/27/2022

Agency Name: Clark County Department of Family Services

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: 10/20/2022

Internal reference UNITY Case Number: 1466811

- Child Fatality** **Date of Death:** 4/12/2022
 Near Fatality **Date of Near Fatality:**
 Portions of information on this form have been withheld at the request of Henderson 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:**
CCDFS received notification of the fatality on 4/13/2022. At the time of this initial notification, no abuse or neglect was indicated.
- B. Location of child at the time of death or near fatality (city/county):**
Henderson, Nevada
- C. A summary of the report of abuse or neglect and a factual description of the contents of the report:**
On 4/13/2022, CCDFS received a report that the child was brought to a local hospital emergency room on 4/12/2022 by his adult caregiver. Upon arrival, the child was unresponsive. Lifesaving measures were performed, however, were unsuccessful and the child was pronounced deceased.

On 10/19/2022, CCDFS received additional information relating to the child's death. Based upon the information received, CCDFS has opened a new investigation.
- D. The date of birth and gender of child:**
3/30/2021, Male
- E. The date that the child suffered the fatality or near fatality:**
4/12/2022
- F. The cause of the fatality or near fatality, if such information has been determined:**
Cause: Acute intoxication by Fentanyl
Manner: Accident
- 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.).

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

1/15/2020 – A referral was received and was coded "Information Only".

3/29/2021 – A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of the requisite investigation, the allegation was found unsubstantiated. During the course of the investigation, on 4/2/2021, a referral was received and was coded "Information/Referral". Based upon assessment, an appropriate referral was made to a community resource. 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.

On 4/13/2022, CCDFS opened a case for investigation and family assessment. A companion case was also opened for a secondary household connected to relevant family members. Upon conclusion of the requisite investigations, and based upon the information available, allegations of neglect were found unsubstantiated. Each household was offered referrals for therapeutic counseling and support services, however the households declined. The households also denied the need for any ongoing referrals. A community resource guide was provided for informational purposes. Relevant family members in the respective households, were assessed as safe, and the cases closed.

On 10/19/2022, CCDFS received additional information, and based upon this information, re-opened both cases for further investigation and family assessment. CCDFS 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.