

Statement of Deficiencies

1103.A.-D.: Critical Incidents and Required Notifications

Not Met

1103.A.-D.: An early learning center shall make immediate notification to emergency personnel, law enforcement as applicable, and other appropriate agencies for the following types of critical incidents involving children in care:

1. death;
 2. serious injury or illness that required medical attention;
 3. reportable infectious diseases and conditions listed in LAC 51.II.105; and
 4. any other significant event relating to the health, safety, or well-being of any child, including but not limited to a lost child, an emergency situation, fire or other structural damage, or closure of the center.
- B. The parent shall be contacted immediately following any immediate notifications made under Subsection A.
- C. The department and other appropriate agencies shall be notified via email within 24 hours of the incident.
- D. The department shall be notified by written report within 24 hours of the incident or the next business day. This written notification shall be made on the department's Critical Incidents Report Form and shall contain all information requested on the form.

Finding:

1103.A.-D. Based on record review/Interview: S10 failed to notify within 24 hours of the incident the Licensing Section of the following critical incident: On 10/16/18, O1 observed S5 put her hands on C1's face and shake him then push C1 onto the carpet. S10 contacted Child Welfare to file a Child Protection report but failed to contact Licensing Department to make a report as well within 24 hours of the incident.

1711.A.&B.&F.&G.: Child to Staff Ratio

Not Met

1711.A.&B.&F.&G.:

- A. Child to staff ratios are established to ensure the safety of all children.
- B. Minimum child to staff ratios shall be met at all times.
1. There shall be a minimum of two staff members present at an early learning center when more than one child is present.
 2. Only those staff members directly providing care, supervision or guidance to children shall be counted in the child to staff ratios.
- F. Minimum Child to Staff Ratios for Type I centers:

Ages of Children	Ratio		
Infants under 1 year	6:1		
1 year		8:1	2 years
3 years	14:1		12:1
4 years	16:1		
5 years	20:1		
6 years and up		25:1	

G. Mixed Age Groups - Minimum Child to Staff Ratios

1. An average of the child to staff ratios may be applied to mixed age groups of children ages 2, 3, 4 and 5.
2. Child to staff ratios for children under age two are excluded from averaging.
3. When a mixed age group includes children younger than age two, the age of the youngest child determines the child to staff ratio for the group.
4. An average may be applied to a mixed age group consisting only of children ages 5 and older.

Finding:

1711.A. & B. & F. & G. Based on observations: On 1/16/19, the Provider failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: 23 children ages 4-5 yr old with 1 staff. The required ratio for children of this age is 18 children per 1 staff person. Upon arrival to the center at 9:30am, Specialist observed that S7 had 23 children ages 4-5 year old in her care. Two staff were needed to make ratio in the room. S11 arrived at 9:50am and made ratio for the room.

1901.P.: Staff Personal Belongings

Not Met

1901.P.: The personal belongings of center staff members shall be inaccessible to children.

Finding:

1901.P. Based on observations: On 1/16/19, the personal belongings of center staff members S11 was accessible to children. Specialist observed S11's purse out on a low shelf accessible to the 23 children ages 4-5 year old in the room. S11 moved purse before Specialist left the room.