

Statement of Deficiencies

1509.A.1.: Child Abuse and Neglect Policy

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- a. As mandated reporters, all staff and owners shall report any suspected abuse or neglect of a child to the Louisiana Child Protection Statewide Hotline 1-855-4LA-KIDS (1-855-452-5437);
- b. An early learning center shall not delay the reporting of suspected abuse or neglect to the Child Protection Statewide Hotline in order to conduct an internal investigation to verify the abuse or neglect allegations; and
- c. An early learning center shall not require staff to report suspected abuse or neglect to the center or management prior to reporting it to the Child Protection Statewide Hotline.

Finding:

1509.A.1. Based on interview(s)/record review at 10:15 am:

Although mandated reporters, S12 failed to timely report an incident of suspected abuse/neglect to the Child Protection Statewide Hotline in order to conduct an internal investigation to verify the abuse or neglect allegations. The incident occurred on 1/20/2021 at approximately 3:12pm, involving S5 and S11 returning to the classroom from recess and C1's (1 year-old) left thumb being injured due to being shut in the door. S12 reported the incident to Child Welfare on 1/26/2021.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 1/26/2021, S12 stated that she will ensure that both the Department and Child Welfare are notified within 24 hours of all critical incidents going forward.
