

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 interviews at 9:00 AM, S1 failed to notify the Department and Child Welfare within 24 hours of an allegation of abuse. S1, S2, and S3 stated when O1 dropped C1, age one-year old, off at the center at 8:05 AM on 1/21/2021, O1 reported to them that she observed scratches and bruising on C1's leg, groin, chest and back the prior evening while preparing him for a bath. O1 reported she believed these marks were caused by C1 being abused at the child care center. The Department and Child Welfare had not been notified at the time of inspection. S1 notified both the Department and Child Welfare on 2/2/2021.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 2/2/2021, S1 stated she would complete the DCFS mandated reporter training as soon as possible to ensure this deficiency is not cited again.
