

Statement of Deficiencies

1103-A-E: Critical Incidents and Required Notification

Not Met

1103-A-E: 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 Licensing Division and other appropriate agencies shall be notified via email within 24 hours of the incident.
- D. The Licensing Division 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 Licensing Division's Critical Incidents Report Form and shall contain all information requested on the form.
- E. Reporting deadlines may be adjusted in the event of a natural catastrophe and/or disaster, as determined by the Department.

Finding:

1103-A,C,D: Based on record review & interview: Center staff failed to notify the Division of Licensing by written report on the Division of Licensing critical incident report form within 24 hours of the incident or by the next business day, regarding an allegation of suspected abuse of the children by a staff. On 2/2/18, Child Welfare visited the center regarding an allegation that S1 was spanking C1, C2, and other children. S1 stated she was not aware she needed to notify the Division of Licensing if no inappropriate discipline happened with the children. Specialist informed S1 allegations of suspected abuse/neglect are reportable critical incidents and a critical incident form must be completed.
