

Statement of Deficiencies

1515.A.3.: Releasing of Children

Not Met

1515.A.3.: Written authorization signed and dated by the parent noting the first and last names of individuals to whom the child may be released other than the parents, including any other early learning centers, transportation services, and any person or persons who may remove the child from the center.

- a. The parent may further authorize additional individuals via a text message, fax or email to the center in unplanned situations and follow it with a written authorization.
- b. A child shall never be released to anyone unless authorized in writing by the parent.
- c. Any additions and deletions to the list of authorized individuals shall be signed and dated by the parent.
- d. The center shall verify the identity of the authorized person prior to releasing the child.

Finding:

1515.A.3. Based on record review/interviews at 11:15am, S1 stated that the center failed to verify the identity of the person whom C1 and C2 were released to 1/17/2020. Specialist reviewed that children's attendance for 1/17/2020, and it documented that C1 and C2 were released to O1. C1 and C2 were in the class with S4 and S6 when they were released. S4 and S6 stated that O1 dropped C1 and C2 off to the center that morning and he stated that he was the father, so they did not think to verify O1's identity when he returned to pick up C1 and C2 that afternoon.

Corrective Action Plan: S1 stated that she will speak with her staff and immediately ensure that her staff verifies everyone's identity before a child is released and not assume a person is who they claim to be.
