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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:

NEW 1103.A.4. Based on record review/interviews: S1 failed to notify The Department within 24 hours of a Critical Incident involving water leaks, smell and observations of black fuzzy spots on the walls in the "Toddler One" and "Toddler Two" classrooms. S1 submitted the Critical Incident report to The Department on 1/10/2019 at 4:22pm, stating that Critical Incident occurred on 1/10/2019 at 10:00am. However, based on review of the visitor sign in sheet, O2 was on the premises on 1/9/2019 at 8:46am to complete a leak inspection. S3 stated that O2 was on the premises on 1/9/2019 to do a wall repair in the "Toddler Two" classroom due to the water leak. Based on interviews, staff in classrooms noticed a smell and "Black fuzzy substance" on the walls of the Toddler One and Toddler Two classrooms in December 2018 and reported this to S1. Staff stated someone came into the classroom approximately one- two weeks later to inspect and then the next week the classes were moved to another area of the center because repairs were starting and children could not be in the area. Review of a video recording taken on 1/10/19, in the presence of S1, the rear white wall of the Toddler Two classroom showed black mold on it. The classroom appeared to be empty with repairs started (plastic taped to cover doorway opening). S2 and S3 stated that S1 made an earlier attempt on 1/9/2019 to submit the Critical Incident report to the Department online, however there is no documentation of the online submission.

Based on record review/interviews: S1 failed to notify Office of Public Health within 24 hours of the Critical Incident regarding the water leaks and observations of black fuzzy substances on the walls in the "Toddler One" and "Toddler Two" classrooms. S2 provided documentation showing that Public Health did an inspection on 1/15/2019 regarding a complaint of a black substance on the wall of the "Toddler Two" classroom, however there was no documentation available at the time of the Licensing visit to show when S1 notified the Office of Public Health of the Critical Incident. S3 stated that she called the Office of Public Health to report the Critical Incident prior to the inspection, however was unsure of the date of notification.

1903.C.: Free of Hazards

Not Met

1903.C.: Indoor and outdoor areas shall be free of hazards.

Finding:

1903.C. Based on record review/interview: The indoor areas were not free of hazards on 1/9/2019 in the "Toddler Two" classroom. S1 stated that there was a hard rain at the center, and that there were water leaks on the rear wall of the "Toddler One" and "Toddler Two" classrooms. S1 stated that she contacted the repairman to fix the water leaks, and temporarily moved the children from classrooms "Toddler One" and "Toddler Two" to other classrooms until the water leaks were fixed.

Visitor sign in records show the following repair work that was completed prior to 4:22pm on 1/10/2019:

- On 1/7/2019, S1 accompanied O2 between 9:35am - 10:00am while on premises to repair a water leak.
- On 1/9/2019, S1 accompanied O2 between 8:46am - 8:59am while on premises to repair a wall.
- On 1/10/2019, S1 accompanied O2 between 1:00pm - 1:15pm while on premises to repair a wall.

During the Licensing visit on 2/19/2019, the Specialist spoke to S3 over the phone and inquired about the reason for O2's visit at the center for 1/7/2019. S3 stated that on 1/7/2019, O2 did repair work for a water leak that was on the front exterior of the building near the parking lot. S3 stated that the area was not near the exterior wall of the "Toddler One" and "Toddler Two" classrooms.

At the time of the Licensing visit on 2/19/2019, the water leak hazards have been corrected.

1915.A.: Health Services - Observation

Not Met

1915.A.: Observation. Upon arrival at the center, the physical condition of each child shall be observed for possible signs of illness, infections, bruises or injuries, and when something is observed, it shall be documented and such documentation shall include an explanation from the parent or child.

Finding:

NEW 1915.A. Based on record review: S1 failed to have documentation of an explanation from the parent of child when something is observed at time of child's arrival at the center. Based on record review, there is no explanation of the physical condition of each child in the "Toddler Two" classroom on

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the following dates:

- On 1/7/2019, there is no explanation of the observation of 1 of 12 children present.
- On 1/8/2019, there is no explanation of the observation of 2 of 12 children present.
- On 1/11/2019, there is no explanation of the observation of 2 of 12 children present.