

## ***Statement of Deficiencies***

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

**Not Met**

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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 10:30 AM: although mandated reporters, center staff failed to report suspected abuse of a child to the Child Protection Statewide Hotline as on 2/10/2021, C1's mother reported to S1 that C1 had 2 scratches on the back of her arm. Her mother stated when she asked C1 what happened, C1 stated her teacher did it.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 3/2/2021, S1 stated she will complete the DCFS Mandated Reporter training as soon as possible to ensure this deficiency is not cited again.

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