

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 record review: S1 and S6 failed to notify, within 24 hours of the incident, the Department and Child Welfare of the following critical incident: O1 left a note at the center on 2/7/2020 documenting that C1 alleged that S4 hit him on the face with a rubber-band after he hit another child with the rubber-band. S1 and S6 stated they spoke to S4 and were not able to verify S4 hit C1 with a rubber-band. They did not feel this rose to the level of a Critical Incident because the rubber-band was a small black rubber-band that could not be shot across a room. The Critical Incident report was submitted on 3/11/20 after Child Welfare came to the center to complete an investigation into the allegation that S4 punched C1 in the stomach as a result of C1 hitting another child on 2/7/2020. S1 and S6 stated they were not aware it was alleged that C1 was punched until Child Welfare came to the center.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 3/17/2020, S1 and S6 stated they will report any allegation of abuse prior to applying context to ensure this deficiency is not recited.

1507.B.: Daily Attendance Records - Staff and Owners

Not Met

1507.B.: A daily attendance record for all staff members and owners shall be maintained that shall:

1. include the first and last name of the staff member or owner and arrival and departure times;
2. accurately reflect the staff members and owners on the center premises at any given time; and
3. be used to document staff members and owners who leave and return to the center during the day

Finding:

1507.B. Based on observations/record review: The center's staff and owner's daily attendance record did not accurately reflect persons on the child care premises at any given time as evidenced by S6 was signed in at 6:00 AM on 3/17/2020. Though S6 was not signed out, she was not present at the time of Specialist inspection at 1:00 PM. Specialist observed S6 arrive at the center at approximately 2:00 PM.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 3/17/2020, S1 and S6 stated they will they will follow up with the sign in sheet when staff leave to ensure no one forgets to sign out when they leave the center.