

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. a child left unsupervised for any amount of time;
4. use of prohibited behavior management as described in § 1509.A.8.b;
5. allegations or suspicion of child abuse or neglect by center staff;
6. an accident involving the transportation of children; or
7. 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 LDE and other appropriate agencies, such as DCFS, LDH and the Office of State Fire Marshal, as applicable, 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.3.&C. Based on record review/interview at 11:35 a.m., S1 failed to immediately notify the parent of C1 and DCFS/Child Welfare within 24 hours of the following critical incidents: On 3/17/2023 at 11:12 a.m., C1, a six-month-old child, fell out of a car seat after not being properly restrained. This occurred as the child's car seat was being moved/dragged across the classroom by S11. S1, director, stated she was not aware of the need to report this immediately as a report to DCFS/Child Welfare. S13, family advocate, notified O1 at 12:29 p.m. S1 made a report to DCFS/Child Welfare during the visit of 4/20/2023.

Corrective Action Plan - Effective 4/20/2023, S1 stated she will immediately notify a parent of a critical incident and will report any critical incident involving a child in a possible abuse/neglect situation to DCFS, to ensure compliance with this regulation.

1907.A.1.&2.: High Chairs

Not Met

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1. The high chair manufacturer's restraint device shall be used when children are sitting in a high chair.
2. Children who are either too small or too large to be restrained using the manufacturer's restraint device shall not be placed in a high chair.

Finding:

1907-A.1. Based on interview/records review at 12:40 p.m., S7 failed to use the required manufacturer's restraints, as C1, a six-month-old child, sat in a seating device unrestrained, causing C1 to fall forward onto the floor, as S11 dragged the car seat across the classroom on 3/17/2023 at 11:12 a.m.

Corrective Action Plan - Effective 4/20/2023, S1 stated she will immediately instruct all staff to check for children being properly restrained in any high chair, stroller or car seat while in use, to ensure compliance with this regulation.