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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:

1103.A.-D. Based on interview(s)/observations/record review on 5/18/2020: The provider failed to immediately notify the parent of the following critical incident: Specialist reviewed video from 5/14/2020 which showed S3 with her class on the play yard. C1 and C2 (both age 1) exited the play yard at the front right side of the center through an open gate at 10:12 AM without S3's knowledge. C1 and C2 both immediately went to the front door of the center. While C2 remained at the door, C1 turned and exited through the front gate which was also open. C1 went into the front parking lot and stood in the parking space nearest the gate when S3 ran to her and brought her back into the gate at 10:13 AM. The parents of both children failed to be notified immediately. C1's parent was notified at 11:15 AM on 5/14/2020 and C2's parent was not notified until 5/18/2020 at 12:15 PM, during the inspection. S1 stated C2's parents were not notified as he did not exit the front gate. S1 attempted to reach C2's parent prior to Specialist departure. S1 also failed to notify Child Welfare of the aforementioned critical incident within 24 hours. S1 stated she was not aware of this requirement and notified Child Welfare after Specialist visit.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 5/18/2020, S1, the director, stated she will ensure that she immediately notifies all parents of children involved in a Critical Incident, notify Child Welfare and complete a training with all staff by 5/29/2020 to ensure this deficiency is not cited again.

1713.A.&B.&C.: Supervision

Not Met

1713.A.&B.&C.: A: Children shall be supervised at all times in the center, on the playground, on field trips, on non-vehicular excursions, and during all water activities and water play activities.

B: Children shall not be left alone in any room, (except the restroom as indicated in Subsection G of this Section or when being provided services by therapeutic professionals, as defined in §103), outdoors, or in vehicles, even momentarily, without staff present.

C: A staff person shall be assigned to supervise specific children whose names and whereabouts that staff person shall know and with whom the staff person shall be physically present. Staff shall be able to state how many children are in their care at all times.

Finding:

1713.A&B&C: Based on observations, Interviews and record review on 5/18/2020: Children were not under supervision at all times as Specialist reviewed video from 5/14/2020, which showed S3 with her class on the play yard. C1 and C2 (both age 1) exited the play yard at the front right side of the center through an open gate at 10:12 AM without S3's knowledge. C1 and C2 both immediately went to the front door of the center. While C2 remained at the door, C1 turned and exited the front gate which was also open. C1 went into the front parking lot and stood in the parking space nearest the gate when S3 ran to her and brought her back into the gate at 10:13 AM. C1 and C2 failed to be under supervision for 1 minute.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 5/18/2020, S1, the director, stated staff are required to bring their children through the front door when going to the play yard where this incident occurred. A staff member at the front will assist the staff in transitioning the children to the play yard to include securing each gate to ensure this deficiency is not cited again.

1903.E.5.: Outdoor - Enclosed

Not Met

1903.E.5.: Outdoor play space shall be enclosed with a permanent fence or other permanent barrier in a manner that protects children from traffic hazards, prevents children from leaving the premises without proper supervision, and prevents contact with animals or unauthorized persons.

Finding:

1903.E.5. Based on observations/record review/interview(s): The outdoor play space gate failed to be secured in a manner that protected children from traffic hazards, prevents children from leaving the premises without proper supervision, and prevents contact with animals or unauthorized persons as Specialist reviewed video from 5/14/2020, which showed C1 and C2 (both age 1) exited the play yard at the front right side of the center through an open gate at 10:12 AM without S3's knowledge. C1 and C2 both immediately went to the front door of the center. While C2 remained at the door, C1 turned and exited the front gate which was also open. C1 went into the front parking lot and stood in the parking space nearest the gate when S3 ran to her and brought her back into the gate at 10:13 AM. Though there was a gate present, the gate failed to be secured.

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play yard where this incident occurred. A staff member at the front will assist the staff in transitioning the children to the play yard to include securing each gate to ensure this deficiency is not cited again.
