

## 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.C.D. Based on record review/interview: S1 failed to notify the Department within 24 hours or the next business day of a reportable critical incident. On 5/7/19, S1 was made aware of an allegation from O1 through the New Orleans Police Department. O1 stated to NOPD that C1 reported she was subjected to physical punishment at the center on 5/6/19. O1 alleged that on 5/6/19, S4 covered the mouth of C1, a three year old child, forcefully in trying to get C1 down for a nap. S1 also failed to notify DCFS Child Welfare of the allegation of 5/6/19.

### 1901.J.&K.: Items That Can be Harmful to Children

**Not Met**

1901.J.&K.: J. Items that can be harmful to children, such as medications, poisons, cleaning supplies and chemicals, and equipment, tools, knives and other potentially dangerous utensils, shall kept in a locked cabinet or other secure place that ensures they are inaccessible to children.

K. Plastic bags, when not in use, regardless of purpose or use, shall be made inaccessible to children.

#### Finding:

1901-J. Based on observation: Items that can be harmful to children, such as cleaning supplies and chemicals were not kept in a locked cabinet or other secure place that ensures they are inaccessible to children. Specialist observed an unlocked cabinet under the sink in room #1 which contained two containers of bleach, two cans of disinfectant spray and a canister of antibacterial wipes labeled keep out of reach of children. There was an unlocked cabinet/locker in the right rear corner of room #2 which contained one can of disinfectant spray and one canister of antibacterial wipes labeled keep out of reach of children.