

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.C.: Critical Incidents and Required Notification: Based on record review/interview: The Provider failed to notify within 24 hours of the incident the Licensing Section of the following critical incident: On 3/10/2020, S1 and S2 were notified and interviewed regarding an allegation that on 3/5/2020, S2 spanked and threatened to spank C1, age 4, in the center's bathroom. During an interview with the Specialist on 6/11/2020, S2 stated she received a letter from the Department of Children and Family Services documenting that she admitted to spanking C1.

Corrective Action Plan: S1 will ensure that notification with a written report will be submitted to the Department within 24 hours of incident where there is an allegation of corporal punishment on the center's premises.

1901.O.: Alcohol, Tobacco, etc. Prohibited

Not Met

1901.O.: The center shall prohibit the use of alcohol and tobacco and the use or possession of illegal substances, unauthorized potentially toxic substances, fireworks and firearms, and pellet and BB guns on the center premises and notice to this effect shall be posted.

Finding:

1901.O.: Alcohol, Tobacco, etc. Prohibited: Based on interview/record review: Although S1 and S2 had a posted policy, they failed to prohibit the use of an unauthorized potentially toxic substance on the child care premises. During an interview with S1 on 6/11/2020, S1 stated that O2 notified her, date unknown, that S9 posted a picture on social media of S9 smoking a JUUL nicotine stick in the center's restroom while working. S9 admitted to S1 that she used the JUUL nicotine stick in the center's restroom while the children were present in the center. S9 was employed in the center from 12/9/2019 to 3/6/2020.

Corrective Action Plan: S1 stated she spoke to S9 and advised her that she would not tolerate any use of substances on the center's premises. S9 was required to keep her cell phone in the office, and later resigned from the center on 3/6/2020.