

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.-B.: Based on record review at 1 p.m., S2 failed to immediately notify the parent of a critical incident that occurred on 6/9/2022 at 4:38 p.m. On 6/9/2022 at 4:40 p.m., S2 observed C1, two-year-old, on the playground alone and brought her back into the classroom with staff. S9, S10, and S16 had recently entered the classroom with the children after playing on the playground, and failed to know C1's whereabouts for approximately two minutes. S2 notified O1 of the incident at 5:36 p.m. On 5/10/2022, the Department was notified at 11:23 a.m. and DCFS Child Welfare was notified at 9:10 a.m.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 6/23/2022, S1 stated she will train all staff the steps to be taken in the event of a critical incident in a meeting to be held on 6/23/2022, to ensure compliance with this regulation.

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 record review/interview at 10 a.m., staff failed to ensure a child was supervised at all times. On 6/9/2022 at 4:40 p.m., S2 observed C1, two-year-old, on the playground alone and brought her back into the classroom with staff. S9, S10, and S16 had recently entered the classroom with the children after playing on the playground, and failed to know C1's whereabouts. Specialist reviewed video footage and observed S16 entered the classroom at 4:38 p.m., leaving C1 alone on the playground for approximately two minutes until S2 found and removed her from the playground. S16's date of hire was 12/1/2015 and is no longer employed as of 6/10/2022.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 6/23/2022, S1 stated she will review with staff during a meeting on 6/23/2022 that they are to know how many children are in the care. They are to conduct head counts at all transitions before entering the door to the classrooms, to ensure compliance with this regulation.

1723.A.&B.: CPR Certification - Infant/Child

Not Met

- 1723.A.&B.: A. Infant and child CPR. All staff members on the premises of a center and accessible to children shall have current certification in infant and child CPR through training approved by the department.
B. Adult CPR. All staff members on the premises of a center and accessible to children shall have current certification in adult CPR through training approved by the department.
CPR Certification

Finding:

1723.A.&B.: Based on observation/record review at 9 a.m., S1 failed to have documentation that all staff on the premises and accessible to the children have current certification in infant, child, and adult CPR through training approved by the department. Specialist observed S9 present in the center and supervising 11 two-to-three-year-old children, and failed to hold a current certification approved by the department.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 6/23/2022, S1 stated she will locate an available instructor who can provide approved trainings on a regular basis. She will schedule all new hires to complete this training at the time of hire and upon completion of their files, so that the trainings are completed timely, to ensure compliance with this regulation.

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1723.C: Pediatric First Aid

Not Met

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Finding:

1723.C Based on observations/record review at 9 a.m., S1 failed to have documentation that all staff on the premises and accessible to the children have current certification in pediatric first aid through training approved by the department. Specialist observed S9 present in the center and supervising 11 two-to-three-year-old children, and failed to hold a current certification approved by the department.

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1915.B.&C.: Health Services - Parental Notification

Not Met

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B. Reporting. Incidents, injuries, accidents, illnesses, and unusual behavior shall be documented and reported to the parent no later than when the child is released to the parent or authorized representative on the day of the occurrence.

C. Immediate Notification. The parent shall be immediately notified in the following circumstances:

1. blood not contained in an adhesive strip;
2. head or neck or eye injury;
3. human bite that breaks the skin;
4. animal bite;
5. impaled object;
6. broken or dislodged teeth;
7. allergic reaction skin changes (e.g. rash, spots, swelling, etc.);
8. unusual breathing;
9. symptoms of dehydration;
10. temperature reading over 101° oral, 102° rectal, or 100° axillary; or
11. injury or illness requiring professional medical attention.

Finding:

1915.B.&C.: Based on record review at 1 p.m., S1 failed to have documentation of immediate notification to the parent when the following occurred to a child:

- On 6/16/2022 at 10 a.m., a child was accidentally scratched by his left eye, and the parent was notified at 5:44 p.m.;
- On 6/16/2022 at 2:49 p.m., a child hit the middle of his forehead on the cots, and the parent was notified at 3:50 p.m.;
- On 6/14/2022 at time unknown, a child hit his right eyebrow on the wood shelf, and the parent was notified at 5:30 p.m.;
- On 6/10/2022 at 2:20 p.m., a child was crying and said another child scratched his left forehead and the parent was notified at 4:40 p.m.; and
- On 6/9/2022 at 2:35 p.m., a child was hit under his left eye and the parent was notified at 4:24 p.m.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 6/23/2022, S1 stated staff will be retrained at the meeting to be held on 6/23/2022, staff are to immediately call the front office within five minutes of an incident happening. The director or staff-in-charge will check on the child, obtain the written report and the parent will be immediately notified and it will be documented, to ensure compliance with this regulation.