

Statement of Deficiencies

7311-A.2: Reference Checks

Not Met

7311-A.2: A record for each paid and non-paid staff person, including substitutes and foster grandparents shall be on file at the center. Personnel record shall include documentation of three current, positive reference checks or telephone notes signed and dated. These references shall be obtained from persons not related to the employee.

Finding:

7311-A.2 Based on record review: Documentation of three current, positive non related reference checks or telephone notes signed and dated was not available for staff: S1 and S2.

Statement of Deficiencies

7311-A.6: State Central Registry

Not Met

7311-A.6: A record for each paid and non-paid staff person, including substitutes and foster grandparents shall be on file at the center. Personnel record shall include documentation of a state central registry disclosure form (SCR 1) completed by the staff (paid and/or non paid) as required by R.S. 46:1414.1. This information shall be reported prior to the individual being on the premises of the child care facility, shall be updated annually, at any time upon the request of DCFS, and within 24 hours or no later than the next business day, whichever is sooner, of any staff receiving notice of a justified (valid) finding of child abuse and/or neglect. Any current or prospective employee, or volunteer of a child care facility licensed by DCFS is prohibited from working in a child care facility if the individual discloses, or information is known or received by DCFS, that the individual's name is recorded on the state central registry (SCR) as a perpetrator for a justified (valid) finding of abuse and/or neglect of a child, unless there is a finding by the Risk Evaluation Panel or a ruling by the Division of Administrative Law (DAL) that the individual does not pose a risk to children.

a. The prospective paid and/or non paid staff (employee/volunteer) shall complete, sign, and date the state central registry disclosure form and submit the disclosure form to the owner or operator of the facility.

i. If a prospective staff (employee/volunteer) discloses that his or her name is currently recorded as a perpetrator on the state central registry, the director shall inform the applicant they will not be considered for employment or volunteer duties at that time due to the state central registry disclosure. The director will provide the prospective employee/volunteer with the state central registry risk evaluation request form (SCR 2) so that a risk assessment evaluation may be requested.

ii. Individuals are eligible for employment/volunteer services if and when they provide written determination from the Risk Evaluation Panel or the DAL noting that they do not pose a risk to children.

b. If a current staff receives notice of a justified (valid) finding of child abuse and/or neglect against them, he or she shall complete an updated state central registry disclosure form (SCR 1) noting the existence of the justified (valid) finding as required by R.S. 46:1414.1. This updated SCR 1 shall be submitted to the Licensing Section management staff within 24 hours or no later than the next business day, whichever is sooner, or upon being on the child care premises, whichever is sooner. Staff will have 10 calendar days from completion of the state central registry disclosure form to request a risk assessment evaluation in accordance with LAC 67:1.305 or shall be terminated immediately.

i. If the staff person will no longer be employed at the center, the provider shall immediately submit a signed, dated statement noting the individual's name and termination date.

ii. Immediately upon receipt of the knowledge that a justified (valid) finding has been issued by DCFS and as a condition of continued employment, the staff person with the justified (valid) finding, when in the presence of children shall be directly supervised by a paid staff (employee) of the facility. The employee responsible for such supervision must have on file a completed state central registry disclosure form indicating that the employee's name does not appear on the state central registry with a justified (valid) finding of abuse and/or neglect, or a determination from either the Risk Evaluation Panel or the DAL that the supervising employee does not pose a risk to children. Under no circumstances may the staff person with the justified finding be left alone and unsupervised with a child or children. The provider shall submit a written statement to Licensing Section management staff acknowledging that the staff person with the justified finding will not be left alone and unsupervised with a child or children pending the disposition by the Risk Evaluation Panel or the DAL that the staff person does not pose a risk to children. When the aforementioned conditions are met, the staff (employee/volunteer) may be counted in child/staff ratio. A person supervised by an employee who does not have a satisfactory disclosure form on file as provided in this sub-section shall be deemed to be alone and unsupervised.

(a). If the Risk Evaluation Panel finds the individual does pose a risk to children and the individual does not appeal the finding to the DAL within the required timeframe, the staff (employee/volunteer) shall be terminated immediately.

(b). If the Risk Evaluation Panel finds the individual does pose a risk to children and the individual appeals the finding to the DAL within the required timeframe, the staff (employee/volunteer) shall continue to be under direct supervision while in the presence of children by another paid staff of the facility who has not disclosed that they have a justified (valid) finding on the state central registry until a ruling is made by the DAL that they do not pose a risk to children. Supervision shall not end until receipt of the ruling from the DAL that the employee does not pose a risk to children.

(c). If the DAL upholds the Risk Evaluation Panel finding that the individual does pose a risk to children, the individual shall be terminated immediately.

iii. State central registry disclosure forms, documentation of any disposition of the Risk Evaluation Panel and, when applicable, the DAL ruling shall be maintained in accordance with current DCFS licensing requirements and shall be available for review by DCFS personnel during the facility's hours of operation.

iv. Any information received or knowledge acquired that a current or prospective volunteer, employee, prospective volunteer, or prospective employee has falsified a state central registry disclosure form stating that they are not currently recorded as a perpetrator with a justified (valid) finding of abuse and/or neglect shall be reported in writing to a Licensing Section management staff as soon as possible, but no later than the close of business on the next business day.

v. Any state central registry disclosure form, Risk Evaluation Panel finding, and DAL ruling that is maintained in a child care facility licensing file shall be confidential and subject to the confidentiality provisions of R.S. 46:56(F) pertaining to the investigations of abuse and/or neglect.

Finding:

7311-A.6 Based on record review: Provider failed to have documentation of a completed state central registry disclosure form (SCR 1) on site and available to review at the center as required by ACT 388 of the 2009 regular legislative session prior to a previously completed form expiring. S3's previous SCR-1 form on file expired on 4/16/14. S3 has been on the premises working on 4/17/14, 4/21/14, 4/22/14, 4/23/14, 4/24/14, 4/25/14, 4/28/14, 4/29/14, 4/30/14, 5/1/14, 5/2/14, 5/5/14, 5/6/14, 5/7/14, 5/8/14, 5/9/14, 5/12/14, 5/13/14, 5/14/14, 5/15/14, 5/16/14, 5/19/14, 5/20/14, 5/21/14, 5/22/14, 5/23/14, 5/27/14, 5/28/14, 5/29/14, 5/30/14, 6/2/14, 6/3/14, 6/4/14, 6/5/14, 6/6/14, 6/9/14, 6/10/14, 6/11/14, 6/12/14, 6/13/14, 6/16/14, 6/17/14, 6/18/14, 6/19/14, 6/20/14, 6/23/14, 6/24/14, 6/25/14, 6/26/14, 6/27/14, 7/7/14, and specialist observed her working in the center today. Provider was able to correct during licensing inspection.