

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.-D. Based on record review/interview: S1 failed to notify the parent immediately as well as Child Welfare within 24 hours of the following critical incident: C1, a 5 year old was subject to physical punishment as on 7/9/19 at 10:37am, S6 used a prohibited method of discipline by slapping C1 on the left side of the face, after it was reported that C1 used a vulgar word. S1 reported the incident to C1's mother on 7/10/19 at 7:15am according to her statement and the Critical Incident report submitted. S1 stated she wanted to review the video prior to informing O1. S1 was notified about the incident at 5:20pm on 7/9/19 and reviewed the video after that time prior to the center closing at 5:45pm. S1 reported the incident to Child Welfare on 7/16/19 at the time of survey.

1509.A.8.a.&b.: Behavior Management Policy

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Each center shall develop and implement a written behavior management policy describing the methods of behavior guidance and management that shall be used at the center.

The behavior management policy shall prohibit children from being subject to any of the following:

- i. physical or corporal punishment which includes but is not limited to yelling, slapping, spanking, yanking, shaking, pinching, exposure to extreme temperatures or other measures producing physical pain, putting anything in the mouth of a child, requiring a child to exercise, or placing a child in an uncomfortable position.
- ii. verbal abuse, which includes but is not limited to using offensive or profane language, telling a child to "shut up", or making derogatory remarks about children or family members of children in the presence of children;
- iii. the threat of a prohibited action even if there is no intent to follow through with the threat;
- iv. being disciplined by another child;
- v. being bullied by another child;
- vi. being deprived of food or beverages;
- vii. being restrained by devices such as high chairs or feeding tables for disciplinary purposes; and
- viii. having active play time withheld for disciplinary purposes, except timeout may be used during active play time for an infraction incurred during the playtime.

Finding:

1509.A.8.a.&b.: Based on observation, interview and record review: As on 7/9/19 at 10:37am, S6 failed to adhere to the center's behavior management policy and used a prohibited method of discipline by slapping C1 on the left side of the face, after it was reported that C1 used a vulgar word. S6 was terminated from the center on 10/10/19.