

Statement of Deficiencies

1103-A-E: Critical Incidents and Required Notification

Not Met

1103-A-E: 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 Licensing Division and other appropriate agencies shall be notified via email within 24 hours of the incident.
- D. The Licensing Division 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 Licensing Division's Critical Incidents Report Form and shall contain all information requested on the form.
- E. Reporting deadlines may be adjusted in the event of a natural catastrophe and/or disaster, as determined by the Department.

Finding:

1103-A-E Based on record review: The center did not notify the Licensing Division within 24 hours of an incident. On 7/12/2017 S2 was made aware of an incident involving squeezing of a child/children finger and the use of profanity toward a child/children by S4 while in the centers care and the incident was not reported to the Licensing Division until 7/20/2017 via email.

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

Not Met

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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 interview(s): S4 failed to adhere to LDOE behavior management policy as well as the centers behavior management policy. According to interview held with S6 , S6 states on 2 to 3 occasions (dates & times unknown) she witnessed S4 using profanity toward children and when communicating with them . Based upon interview with S4 , S4 stated that she used profanity in the presence of 11 children ages 18 month to 24 months on 7/12/2017 during a verbal exchange of words with S3.