

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 interviews/observations on 08/12/2019, S1 failed to notify Child Welfare within 24 hours of her discovering that C1's left arm was hurt by the improper lifting of S6 on 08/05/2019. Per S1's statement, she did not contact Child welfare due to her watching the incident on the center cameras and felt as if S6 did not intentionally hurt C1. C1, age 1 years old, had to receive immediate medical attention due to S6 "jerking" her off the ground by one arm. Specialist advised S1 that any injury involving a staff and child regardless of her belief should be reported to all appropriate agencies. This was corrected prior to specialist departure.

1901.P.: Staff Personal Belongings

Not Met

1901.P.: The personal belongings of center staff members shall be inaccessible to children.

Finding:

1901.P. Based on observations on 08/16/2019, personal belongings of center staff failed to be inaccessible to children as evidenced by specialist observed at 9:51 AM a coke can, Baked BBQ Lays, and a red cup filled with dark brown liquid located on top of a plastic black storage container on the cabinet top located on the left side of the room. Specialist also observed at 9:56 AM a Life WTR bottle with a clear liquid on the ledge of the dry erase board located on the right side of the room in S8's classroom. These items were not made inaccessible to children. S1 removed the coke can and red cup at 9:53 AM. S8 removed the Life WTR bottle at 9:57 AM. S1 stated that the staff is aware that personal drinks and food can not be accessible to children.

1911.I.&J.: Proper Lifting of a Child

Not Met

1911.I.&J.: Staff members shall adhere to proper techniques for lifting a child.

Staff members shall not lift a child by one or both arms.

Finding:

1911. I.&J. Based on interviews/observations on 08/12/2019, S6 failed to adhere to proper techniques for lifting a child as evidenced by per S6's statement, she was walking C1 to the changing table by one hand when C1 twisted her body around and she failed to let the child's arm go. Per S1's statement, she watched video of S6 handling C1 and acknowledges that S6 improperly lifted C1 by one arm. Specialist also reviewed the video and observed S6 walking with C1 and then "jerking" her off the ground when she attempted to pull away. S6 also stated that she now carries each child to the changing table and never holds a child by one arm. S1 also stated that all staff at the center has been re-trained by her on proper lifting of children of all ages and she will schedule a formal training as soon as one becomes available.