

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 on 08/13/19 at 11:38AM, S1 failed to immediately notify within 24 hours of the incident the Department of an incident where the parents of C2 advised S1 on 8/4/2019, that C2 had allegedly been touched inappropriately by C1, at the center on an unknown date but was reported to have happened sometime in June 2019. Per S1's verbal statement, the incident was not reported at the request of the parents not wanting any outside involvement. S1 also failed to notify provided Child Welfare of the inappropriate behavior that was reported to have happened in the center, sometime in June 2019.

1507.A.: Daily Attendance Records - Children

Not Met

1507.A.: A daily attendance record for children shall be maintained that shall:

1. include the child's first and last name, arrival and departure times, and first and last name of person or entity to whom the child is released;
2. accurately reflect children on the center premises at any given time; and
3. be used to sign in and out if a child leaves and returns to the center during the day.

Finding:

1507.A. Based on record review/observations on 08/13/19 at 11:09AM, S1's daily attendance record for children did not accurately reflect the children on the child care premises at any given time as 34 children were present and 30 children were signed in on the log. S1 corrected the daily attendance log for the children while specialist was present.

1711.A.&B.&D.&G.: Child to Staff Ratio

Not Met

1711.A.&B.&D.&G.: A. Child to staff ratios are established to ensure the safety of all children.

B. Minimum child to staff ratios shall be met at all times.

1. There shall be a minimum of two staff members present at an early learning center when more than one child is present.
 2. Only those staff members directly providing care, supervision or guidance to children shall be counted in the child to staff ratios.
- D. Minimum Child to Staff Ratios for Type II and Type III centers:

Ages of Children		Ratio
Infants under 1 year		5:1
1 year	7:1	
2 years		11:1
3 years	13:1	
4 years		15:1
5 years		19:1
6 years and up		23:1

G. Mixed Age Groups - Minimum Child to Staff Ratios

1. An average of the child to staff ratios may be applied to mixed age groups of children ages 2, 3, 4 and 5
2. Child to staff ratios for children under age two are excluded from averaging.
3. When a mixed age group includes children younger than age two, the age of the youngest child determines the child to staff ratio for the group.
4. An average may be applied to a mixed age group consisting only of children ages 5 and older.

Finding:

1711.A.&B.&D. Based on observations and interviews on 08/13/19 at 11:08AM, child to staff ratio failed to be met at all times as Specialists noted that S4 was observed supervising 6 children. There was 1 (7 month old) and 5 (1 year olds). S4 could only supervise 5 children. S1 stated that S7 had to leave which caused the ratio issue. Specialists observed S3 supervising 21 children alone. The children were 3 years to 4 years of age. S3 could only supervise 14 children. There needed to be an additional staff in the class with S3 to supervise the other 7 children.

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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), 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.: Based on observation on 08/13/19 at 11:19AM - 11:25AM, Children were not under supervision at all times as Specialist observed S4 standing in the doorway of the nursery that shared a common doorway to the large open classroom where she was supervising 5 one year old children who were eating lunch in the large classroom while 1 seven month old was asleep in the infant room. S4 left the doorway to feed and wipe up the children, leaving the infant in the classroom alone.

1723.A.&B.: CPR Certification

Not Met

1723.A.&B.: A. Infant and child CPR. Fifty percent of staff members on the premises of a center and accessible to children, or at least four staff on the premises and accessible to children, whichever is less, shall have current certification in infant and child CPR through training approved by the department.

B. Adult CPR. Fifty percent of staff members on the premises of a center and accessible to children, or at least four staff on the premises and accessible to children, whichever is less, shall have current certification in adult CPR through training approved by the department.

Finding:

1723.B.: Based on record review on 08/13/19 at 12:30PM, S1 failed to have documentation that at least fifty percent (50%) of all staff on the premises and accessible to the children or at least four staff on the premises and accessible to children, whichever is less, had current certification in infant and child CPR through training approved by the department. 1 of 5 staff had documentation of this certification. S2 was the only staff that had the current certification. S1 stated they will schedule a CPR class soon.

1723.C.: Pediatric First Aid

Not Met

1723.C.: Pediatric First Aid. Fifty percent of staff members on the premises of a center and accessible to children, or at least four staff on the premises and accessible to children, whichever is less, shall have current certification in pediatric first aid through training approved by the department.

Finding:

1723.C. Based on record review on 08/13/19 at 12:30PM, S1 failed to have documentation that at least fifty percent (50%) of all staff on the premises and accessible to the children or at least four staff on the premises and accessible to children, whichever is less, had current certification in Pediatric First Aid through training approved by the department. 1 of 5 staff had documentation of this certification. S2 was the only staff that had the current certification. S1 stated they will schedule a PFA class soon.

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 08/13/19 at 11:10AM, the personal belongings of S4 failed to be inaccessible to children. S4's purse was on a small shelf in the infant room that was within reaching distance of the children. S4 moved her purse while the specialist was present.

1903.C.: Free of Hazards

Not Met

1903.C.: Indoor and outdoor areas shall be free of hazards.

Finding:

1903.C. Based on observations on 08/13/19 at 11:27, the outdoor area were not free of hazards as evidenced by specialist observed 2 of 4 seats on seesaw had cracked and broken plastic. There was a red metal toy and a yellow metal toy, both toys had a total of 2 steeling wheels each. There was one steering wheel missing from each toy. Specialist observed that one side of the fence surrounding the air conditioning unit was lying on the ground. The air conditioning unit was accessible to the children. There were no children observed on the playground during the walk through.

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1907.A.1.&2.: High Chairs

Not Met

1907.A.1.&2.:

1. The high chair manufacturer's restraint device shall be used when children are sitting in a high chair.
2. Children who are either too small or too large to be restrained using the manufacturer's restraint device shall not be placed in a high chair.

Finding:

1907.A.1: Based on observations on 08/13/19 at 11:18AM, the high chair manufacturer's restraint device were not being used. Specialists noted 4 (1 year old) children seated in high chairs but they were not strapped into the seating using the manufacturer's restraints.

2101.A.1.: Transportation Arrangement Conforms to State Laws

Not Met

2101.A.1.: Transportation arrangements shall conform to all state laws, as amended, including but not limited to those requiring the use of seat belts and child restraints.

Finding:

2101.A.1. Based on observation on 8/13/2019, the center's brown Chrysler van failed to conform to all state laws. Specialist noted that the registration tag for the license plate expired 6/2019. This was not corrected prior to the Specialist's departure.