

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 at 11:15 am, S1 failed to notify the Department of reported suspected abuse alleged to have occurred in the center on 8/3/2020 and 8/4/2020. According to S1, she was notified by staff on 8/5/2020 of two incidents reported to have been done by S2. According to S1, on 8/3/2020, S2 was alleged to have pulled C1's hair during naptime. On 8/4/2020, it was alleged that S2 pulled C2 up into her face yelling at him and then slamming him down onto his mat at naptime. S1 stated the center video was reviewed and it could not be determined if the incidents occurred because the classroom was too dark. S1 stated she did not report the incidents because she did not think it was considered critical because it was hearsay. S1 also failed to notify the parents of C1 and C2 and Child Welfare.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 8/17/2020, S1 stated she will be sure to report any suspected abuse to the Department and Child Welfare. In the event the parent is not aware of the suspected abuse, a call will be placed to make the parent aware of the suspected abuse.
