

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.B.: Based on interviews/record review/observation: S1 failed to notify the parent immediately of the following incident: On 8/21/19 between 10:30am and 10:45am, C1, a 2 year old was found by O3 in front of the center on E. New River St. with oncoming traffic. Specialist observed S1 notify O1 of the incident via phone on 8/21/19 at 12:23pm. 08/21/19 Specialist advised S1 to notify all appropriate agencies prior to specialist departure at 3:45pm. S1 failed to notify Child Welfare within 24 hours of the incident.

1713.A.&B.&C.: Supervision

Not Met

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- 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. & C: Based on interviews/record review/observation: Children were not under supervision at all times as on 8/21/19, C1 was unsupervised on the center parking lot for an undetermined amount of time. C1 a 2 year old, walked out of the front screen door of the center, through the center's parking lot and onto E. New River St. with oncoming traffic without supervision. S1, S4, S6 and S7 (staff present at the time of the incident) each stated they were unaware that C1 exited the facility. C1 was found by O3, a passerby, and returned to S1 inside of the center at 10:45am.

1713.E.&F.: Supervision Participation

Not Met

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- E: While supervising a group of children, staff shall devote their time to supervising the children, meeting the needs of the children, and participating with them in their activities.
- F: Staff duties that include cooking, housekeeping or administrative functions shall not interfere with the supervision of children.

Finding:

1713. F: Based on interviews: While supervising a group of children, S1 did not devote her time to supervision of the children, meeting the needs of the children, and in participation with the children in their activities; as on 8/21/19, exact time unknown. S1 was responsible for the supervision of C1 when she stated her back was slightly turned as she was counting money in preparation for a field trip. S1 stated C1, a 2 year old walked out of the front screen door of the center, through the center's parking lot and onto E. New River St. with oncoming traffic where he was found and returned by O3, a passerby.