

Statement of Deficiencies

1509.A.1.: Child Abuse and Neglect Policy

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- a. As mandated reporters, all staff and owners shall report any suspected abuse or neglect of a child to the Louisiana Child Protection Statewide Hotline 1-855-4LA-KIDS (1-855-452-5437);
- b. An early learning center shall not delay the reporting of suspected abuse or neglect to the Child Protection Statewide Hotline in order to conduct an internal investigation to verify the abuse or neglect allegations; and
- c. An early learning center shall not require staff to report suspected abuse or neglect to the center or management prior to reporting it to the Child Protection Statewide Hotline.

Finding:

1509.A.1. Based on interview(s)/observations at 9:00am:

Although mandated reporters, staff delayed the report of suspected abuse/neglect of a child to the Child Protection Statewide Hotline in order to conduct an internal investigation to verify the abuse or neglect allegations as evidence by; S1 was delayed in reporting an incident to Child Welfare. The incident occurred on 8/22/19 at approximately 4:02 pm, in which S4 was supervising 12 three year old children on the center playground, and when lining up to go inside the center, S4 left C1 outside on the playground for approximately 30-50 seconds. C1 knocked on the door and was brought back into the center by S4. S1 began reporting the incident to Child Welfare during the visit, at 10:46 am, after receiving a call back from the Child Protection Hotline representative as witnessed by the Specialist.

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

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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 record review/interviews at 9:15 am: C1 was not under supervision at all times as evidenced by a Critical Incident Report submitted to the Department regarding an incident that occurred on 8/22/19, in which S4 was assigned to 12 three year old children and failed to know whereabouts of C1. When lining up to enter the center after outdoor play, after entering the center, S4 left C1 on the playground for approximately 30-50 seconds. C1 knocked on the door and was brought back into the center by S4.