

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. a child left unsupervised for any amount of time;
 4. use of prohibited behavior management as described in § 1509.A.8.b;
 5. allegations or suspicion of child abuse or neglect by center staff;
 6. an accident involving the transportation of children; or
 7. 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 LDE and other appropriate agencies, such as DCFS, LDH and the Office of State Fire Marshal, as applicable, 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 at 2:00 p.m., S1 failed to notify Child Welfare within 24 hours of the following critical incident: On 8/15/2022 at approximately 2:45 p.m., S17 was talking to another adult at the door of her room, C1, age 2 years old, was hit multiple times by C2, 2 years old, causing bruising to the top of C1's forehead. S1 did not notify Child Welfare. The Department was notified of the incident on 8/15/2022 via fax and email.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 9/1/2022, S1 stated she will ensure that all allegations of any abuse or neglect will immediately be reported to the appropriate agencies. She will also complete training with staff members at the next meeting on 9/29/2022 to review critical incidents and reporting to ensure compliance with this regulation. S2 will be responsible for contacting the appropriate agencies moving forward.

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 of this Section or when being provided services by therapeutic professionals, as defined in §103), 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.: Based on record review and interviews at 1:00 p.m., S17 failed to ensure that children were under supervision at all times. On 8/15/2022, at 2:45 p.m., S17 was standing at the classroom door, with her back turned to the children in her classroom, talking to S12 for approximately 15 minutes. C1, 2 years old, was hit on the top of his forehead by C2, 2 years old, which caused bruising and required medical attention. S17 was terminated on 8/15/2022.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 9/1/2022, S1 stated she will continue to train staff at all staff meetings about the importance of supervising children at all times to ensure compliance with this regulation.