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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.C. Based on record review/interview(s) on 9/14/2020, at 10:30 AM, center staff failed to notify Child Welfare within 24 hours of the following critical incident : on 2/18/2020, at 8:00 AM, S11 observed S19 swat C1 (age two-years-old) on the bottom and say "I told you to stop that". At an unknown time the same date, S7 heard S19 tell S18, C1's mother and sister-in-law to S19, that she'd put soap on C1's finger and made C1 put it in her mouth to deter C1 from spitting in the classroom. S19 was terminated on 2/19/2020.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 9/14/2020, S1 and S2 stated they will have a staff re-training regarding this regulation to ensure it is not re-cited.

1509.A.8.a.&b.: Behavior Management Policy

Not Met

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Each center shall develop and implement a written behavior management policy describing the methods of behavior guidance and management that shall be used at the center.

The behavior management policy shall prohibit children from being subject to any of the following:

- i. physical or corporal punishment which includes but is not limited to yelling, slapping, spanking, yanking, shaking, pinching, exposure to extreme temperatures or other measures producing physical pain, putting anything in the mouth of a child, requiring a child to exercise, or placing a child in an uncomfortable position.
- ii. verbal abuse, which includes but is not limited to using offensive or profane language, telling a child to "shut up", or making derogatory remarks about children or family members of children in the presence of children;
- iii. the threat of a prohibited action even if there is no intent to follow through with the threat;
- iv. being disciplined by another child;
- v. being bullied by another child;
- vi. being deprived of food or beverages;
- vii. being restrained by devices such as high chairs or feeding tables for disciplinary purposes; and
- viii. having active play time withheld for disciplinary purposes, except timeout may be used during active play time for an infraction incurred during the playtime.

Finding:

1509.A.8.a&b: Based on record review and interview on 9/14/2020, at 10:30 AM, though the center has a Behavior Management policy in place, S19 used prohibited methods of discipline as she subjected a child to physical punishment/corporal punishment. On 2/18/2020, at 8:00 AM, S11 observed S19 swat C1 (age two-years-old) on the bottom and say "I told you to stop that". At an unknown time the same date, S7 heard S19 tell S18, C1's mother and sister-in-law to S19, that she'd put soap on C1's finger and made C1 put it in her mouth to deter C1 from spitting in the classroom. S19 was terminated on 2/19/2020.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 9/14/2020, S1 and S2 stated a staff retraining was held with all staff to ensure this deficiency is not cited again.

1919.A.&B.: Food Service and Nutrition - Menu

Not Met

1919.A.&B.: A. All meals and snacks provided by the center, and their preparation, service and storage, shall meet the requirements for meals of the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), 7 CFR 226.20, and LAC 51:XXIII.

B. The weekly menu shall:

1. be planned for each day of the week and list the specific food items served;
2. be prominently posted by the first day of each week and remain posted throughout the week; and
3. have substitutions or additions posted on or near the menu.

Finding:

1919.A&B: Based on record review on 9/14/2020, at 10:00 AM, the center's meals and snacks including their preparation, service and storage, as specified under the Child Care Food Program of the United States Department of Agriculture, failed to meet the requirements as a serving of milk and

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grain failed to be listed on the menu. Specialist found several days failed to include a two servings of fruits and/or vegetables as well.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 9/14/2020, S1 and S2 stated they will have a staff retraining regarding the menu requirements with staff as soon as possible.
