

Statement of Deficiencies

1103-A.-D.: Critical Incidents and Required Notification

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 Licensing Division and other appropriate agencies shall be notified via email within 24 hours of the incident.
- D. The Licensing Division 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 Licensing Division's Critical Incidents Report Form and shall contain all information requested on the form.

Finding:

1103-A.-D. Based on interview(s): The provider failed to notify within 24 hours of the incident the Licensing Section the following critical incident : On 9/20/18 during an interview with staff regarding a critical incident, Specialists were made aware of another Critical Incident that the provider failed to report. At the beginning of August 2018 (date unknown), S17 took a belt off of a child and folded the belt in half making a popping noise in a child's face and then slammed the belt down on the table where the children were sitting threatening a child to spank them with the belt. The Director, S15 was made aware of the incident and S15 stated that she spoke to S17 verbally but did not contact Licensing to report the incident.

1507-A: Daily Attendance Records - Children

Not Met

1507-A: A daily attendance record for children shall be maintained that shall:

1. include the child's first and last name, arrival and departure times, and first and last name of person or entity to whom the child is released;
2. accurately reflect children on the center premises at any given time; and
3. be used to sign in and out if a child leaves and returns to the center during the day.

Finding:

1507-A Based on observations/record review: On 9/20/18 daily attendance records for children were not maintained to accurately reflect the children on the center premises at any given time. When Specialist conducted head count upon arrival on 9/20/18 at 10:00am, Specialist observed that 88 children were present but only had 85 children signed in.

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

Not Met

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

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 interview(s): On 9/10/18, staff S17 used a prohibited method of discipline as a child was subject to physical punishment, corporal punishment, threats of a prohibited action. S17 spanked C1 on her left butt cheek leaving a red hand print. S16 heard C1 cry out twice in the classroom so took her down the hall to the restroom where she asked S10 to go with her as a witness. S16 pulled C1's pants down and saw the "fresh hand print" from a spanking. When C1 was questioned by S15, C1 stated that her teacher hit her. S17 stated that C1 was in her group during the time of the incident.

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On 9/20/18 during interviews with staff, Specialist were made aware of another incident involving S17, where she took a belt off of a child and folded the belt in half and made popping noises with the belt in a child's face and then slammed the belt on the table where children were sitting several times while threatening a child that she would spank them with the belt.

1901-J.-K.: Items That Can be Harmful to Children

Not Met

1901-J.-K.: J. Items that can be harmful to children, such as medications, poisons, cleaning supplies and chemicals, and equipment, tools, knives and other potentially dangerous utensils, shall kept in a locked cabinet or other secure place that ensures they are inaccessible to children.
K. Plastic bags, when not in use, regardless of purpose or use, shall be made inaccessible to children.

Finding:

1901-J.-K. Based on observations: Items that can be harmful to children, such as medications, poisons, cleaning supplies and chemicals, and equipment, tools, knives and other potentially dangerous utensils, were not kept in a locked cabinet or other secure place that ensures they are inaccessible to children. On 9/10/18, Specialist observed in one of the classrooms a closet door that had a broken lock, leaving the room accessible to the fourteen 2-3 year olds in the room. The room contained cleaning supplies, chemicals, and equipment that could be harmful to the children. The teachers in the room stated that the lock broke but it was not replaced.

1901-P: Staff Personal Belongings

Not Met

1901-P: The personal belongings of center staff members shall be inaccessible to children.

Finding:

1901-P Based on observations: The personal belongings of center staff members was accessible to children. On 9/10/18 during the walk through of the center, Specialists observed the purses of S4, S5 and S11, which contained medication, out and accessible to the children in the room. S8 also had her lunch bag and water bottle out and accessible to the children.

1903-E.5: Outdoor - Enclosed

Not Met

1903-E.5: Outdoor play space shall be enclosed with a permanent fence or other permanent barrier in a manner that protects children from traffic hazards, prevents children from leaving the premises without proper supervision, and prevents contact with animals or unauthorized persons.

Finding:

1903-E.5 Based on observations: Outdoor play space lacked enclosure with a permanent fence or other permanent barrier in a manner that protects children from traffic hazards, prevents children from leaving the premises without proper supervision, and prevents contact with animals or unauthorized persons. On 9/10/18 Specialist observed a gate that had a broken latch and would not stay locked on the path the children take to access the play yard. The gate could be pushed open without using the latch and children would have access to the parking lot.