

Statement of Deficiencies

1509-A.1: Child Abuse and Neglect Policy

Not Met

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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): S2 delayed the reporting of suspected abuse or neglect to the Child Protection Statewide Hotline. S2 was made aware of allegations of suspected abuse or neglect on 9/18/17 of a staff member and failed to notify Child Welfare. S2 stated that she completed an internal investigation and did not realize she needed to contact Child Welfare of the allegations.
