

## 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. 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.A.B.C.: Critical Incidents and Required Notifications: Based on record review/interview at approximately 10:45 a.m., although S1 notified the Department within 24 hours, S1 failed to notify parents of children involved immediately as well as Child Welfare of the following critical incident within 24 hours: On 9/22/2021, fifteen 3-year-olds, C1-C15, were left unsupervised for approximately 1-3 minutes during nap time (1:40 p.m.) when S3 and S6 both left the classroom. S3 observed S6 walk back into the classroom and go into the supply closet so she left the classroom to go to the restroom. S6 did not realize that S3 had left the room, and walked back out of the classroom once she got the basket she needed out of the supply closet. S1 contacted parents between 4:40-5:17 p.m. on 9/22/2021. S1 made the report to Child Welfare on 10/06/2021 after speaking to Specialist.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 10/5/2021, S1 stated that she was not aware that Child Welfare needed to be contacted, but will do so if the situation would ever occur again to ensure the deficiency is not recited.

### 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.&B.: Supervision: Based on Interviews/record review at approximately 10:45 a.m., S3 and S6 failed to have children under supervision at all times. At approximately 1:40 p.m. on 09/22/2021, fifteen 3-year-olds (C1-C15) were left unsupervised during nap time when S6 left the classroom without realizing S3 had also left the classroom to go to the restroom. S6 was working on a craft for the children in the office while S3 was watching the class during nap time. When S6 returned to the classroom, she went into the supply closet to get a basket. S3 assumed S6 was back from break, so she left the room to go to the restroom. S6 also left the room not realizing S3 was no longer in the room. The children were left unsupervised for approximately 1-3 minutes.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 09/22/2021, S1 came up with a break schedule so that all teachers know when they can go on break. S1 also held an all staff meeting on 09/24/2021 to go over all sections of regulation 1713 (supervision) to ensure that this deficiency is not recited.