

## Statement of Deficiencies

### 1103-A-E: Critical Incidents and Required Notification

Not Met

1103-A-E: 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.
- E. Reporting deadlines may be adjusted in the event of a natural catastrophe and/or disaster, as determined by the Department.

#### Finding:

1103-A-E Based on interview(s): There was no documentation of notification within 24 hours of the incident to the Licensing Section and other appropriate agencies of the following critical incident : On 9/25/17, S1 called the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office to assist with a disgruntled employee. O1 is the former cook and housekeeper for the center. S1 said O1 overheard S1 interviewing a person for the position of cook and housekeeper. S1 said that O1 concluded she was going to be terminated. S1 said O1 began to threaten her telling S1 she was going to close her down. S1 asked a staff member to call 911. S1 said that O1 was gone by the time the police arrived. On 9/29/17, S1 said the JPSO was called again. S1 said that O1 came to get her check on 9/29/17. S1 said that O1 was standing outside talking to the parents as they dropped off their children. S1 said she asked O1 to leave her property. S1 called the police. S1 said the police arrived and told O1 she had to leave the property and if she returned she would be arrested. S1 notified Licensing on 10/9/17 at 2:03 pm.

### 1919-D.2: Food Service and Nutrition - Choking Hazards

Not Met

1919-D.2: Children under age 4 shall not have foods that are implicated in choking incidents. Examples of these foods include but are not limited to: whole hot dogs, hot dogs sliced in rounds, raw carrot rounds, whole grapes, hard candy, nuts, seeds, raw peas, hard pretzels, chips, peanuts, popcorn, marshmallows, spoonful of peanut butter, and chunks of meat larger than what can be swallowed whole.

#### Finding:

1919-D.2 Based on observations: The Specialist observed children under age 4 being served whole hot dogs for lunch that are implicated in choking incidents. The Specialist advised S1 that whole hot dogs for children under the age of 4 is a choking hazard and requested that the hot dogs be sliced. The hot dogs were sliced prior to serving.