

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.: Critical Incidents and Required Notification: Based on interviews and record review, center staff failed to immediately notify the parents of C1, C2, and C3 who were involved in a Critical Incident that occurred on 9/4/18. Center staff also failed to notify Licensing as well as DCFS Child Welfare within 24 hours of this incident. On 9/4/18 C1, C2, and C3 (all 2 years old) left the classroom unattended and went to the center playground where they were unsupervised from approximately 9:44am-9:48am. O1(C1's parent) was notified by S1 when C1 was picked up on 9/4/18 @ 5:03pm. O2(C2's parent) and O3(C3's parent) weren't fully notified regarding the incident until after the Licensing Specialist investigated on 10/9/18. S2 submitted a Critical Incident Report to Licensing on 9/24/18 and reported the Critical Incident to Child Welfare on 10/9/18. S2 stated she was not aware of the incident when it occurred on 9/4/18, but became aware of the incident when it was reported to her by O1 on 9/20/18. S2 and O1 verified the incident occurred from reviewing video footage from 9/4/18 on 9/21/18.

Based on interview and record review on 12/14/18, center staff failed to notify Licensing within 24 hours of a Critical Incident that occurred on 10/15/18. A Critical Incident form signed by S3 and received by Licensing 12/13/18 documented that on 10/15/18 @ 3:05pm, C4 was left unattended in the classroom for 6 minutes while teachers, S5 and S17, went outdoors. S2 stated and provided documentation on 12/14/18, that the Critical Incident form was emailed to ldechildcarecdc@la.gov instead of to the correct email on the Critical Incident form. S2 stated the Child Welfare Specialist alerted her that the Licensing report was sent to the wrong email address and it was correctly resubmitted to the appropriate email address ldlicensing@la.gov this week. Although O4(C4's parent) was immediately notified regarding this incident, as of 1/4/19, O4 was not fully notified regarding the facts of the incident that occurred on 10/15/18.

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 record review: Center's daily attendance record for 10/8/18 did not document the time of departure and the name of whom the children were released to for 4 children who were present.

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), 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&C: Supervision. Based on interviews and record review, Center staff failed to ensure that C1, C2 and C3 were supervised at all times in the center and on the playground. On 9/4/18, three 2 year old children (C1, C2 and C3) exited the classroom of S1 and S5 (without their knowledge) and were found unsupervised on the playground from approximately 9:44am-9:48am. According to O1 and S2, they viewed video coverage for Tuesday, 9/4/18, where they were able to see three children, C1, C2, C3 running out the door and then running and playing on the outside playground. S2 reported on the Critical Incident Report that the children were on the playground from approximately 9:44am-9:48am. Specialist observed that the children were on the playground unsupervised for approximately 5 minutes on the video footage for 9/4/18 reviewed. S1 was terminated on 9/14/18 for Absenteeism and Tardiness prior to S2 becoming aware of the 9/4/18 incident. S5 was not terminated or reprimanded for this incident.

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On 10/15/18, C4 was left unsupervised in the classroom for approximately 6 minutes by S5 and S17. S4 stated after review of recorded video footage for 10/15/18, she confirmed C4 was left in the classroom unattended for approximately six minutes. S5 has been terminated effective 10/15/18. S17 has an Employee Conference documented for 10/15/18 regarding the child being left in the classroom unsupervised. Specialist review of video footage (not entire footage from incident) showed C4 in the classroom alone for at least 3 1/2 minutes.

1723-C.-D.: Pediatric First Aid

Not Met

1723-C.-D.:

C. Pediatric First Aid - Fifty percent of staff members on the premises of a center and accessible to children, or at least four staff on the premises and accessible to children, whichever is less, shall have current certification in Pediatric First Aid.

D. Certification - A copy of the certification for each such staff member shall be on-site at all times and available for inspection by the Licensing Division.

Finding:

1723-A.-B. Based on observations and record review: On 10/9/18 from 8:15am (Specialist arrival) until 9:45am, center did not have 50% of staff members or at least four staff with current Pediatric First Aid certification. 3 of 11 staff present had documentation of CPR certification. S15 arrived at 9:45am. and pediatric First Aid was met at that time.