

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.C: Based on interview(s)/observations at 10:30 AM on 10/13/2020, S1 failed to notify Child Welfare of the following critical incident: on 9/11/2020, at 4:35 PM, S9 lifted C1 (age one-year-old) inappropriately while preparing to change her diaper causing C1's right elbow to be dislocated. Specialist observed video in which S9 lifted C1 by pulling her up by her right arm. C1 stumbled and fell at that time causing her right elbow to become dislocated. S1 stated she was not aware that she needed to notify Child Welfare of this incident as it was accidental and not intentional.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 10/13/2020, S1 stated she will ensure that she notified Child Welfare any time a child is injured as a result of a staff's action to ensure this deficiency is not cited again.

1911.I.&J.: Proper Lifting of a Child

Not Met

1911.I.&J.: I. Staff members shall adhere to proper techniques for lifting a child.

J. Staff members shall not lift a child by one or both arms.

Finding:

1911.I&J: Based on observations, interview, and record review, S9 failed to lift C1, age one-year-old, using proper lifting techniques on 9/11/2020, at approximately 4:30 PM. Specialist viewed video from 9/11/2020, at 4:35 PM, in which S9 lifted C1 (age one-year-old) inappropriately while preparing to change her diaper. S9 lifted C1 by pulling her up by her right arm. C1 stumbled and fell, twisting her body at that time, causing her right elbow to become dislocated.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 10/13/2020, S1 stated she has terminated S9 as well as reminded all other staff to use proper lifting techniques with children to ensure this deficiency is not cited again.
