

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.-D. Based on interview and record review, Specialist discovered at 11:30am that S1 failed to notify Child Welfare within 24 hours of the following critical incident : On 10/7/19, C1, who was four years old, was left on the center's outdoor play yard alone, unsupervised for 26 minutes. According to S2, C1's parent arrived at the center to pick him up at 4:40pm, but he was not in his classroom. According to S2, three staff--S2, S4 and S12- -and the other 14 students left the outdoor play area and went inside at 4:16pm, leaving C1 alone on the play yard for 26 minutes until he was found by S4 at 4:42pm. Based on C1's attached attendance record for that day (10/7/19), C1 was signed out at 4:42pm

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.&C.: A: Based on interview and record review, Specialist (M1) discovered at 11:30am that children were not supervised at all times: On 10/7/19, C1, who was four years old, was left on the center's outdoor play yard alone, unsupervised for 26 minutes. C1's parent arrived at the center to pick him up, but he was not in his classroom. According to S2, three staff--S2, S4 and S12- -and the other 14 students left the outdoor play area and went inside at 4:16pm, leaving C1 alone on the play yard for 26 minutes until he was found by S4 at 4:42pm. S12 signed out at 4:16 and was replaced by S10, according to S2, "right after the children came inside." Also S12's attached attendance sheet indicates she signed-out at 4:16pm on 10/7/19, and based on C1's attached attendance record for that day (10/7/19), C1 was signed out at 4:42pm.

Based on observation/interview: At approximately 12:53pm, Specialist (M2) observed 8 children (2 year old to 3 years old) alone in the classroom during naptime. S5 was observed entering the classroom at approximately 12:54pm. S5 stated that she left out of the room to get water. Specialist observed S5 in the break room talking to S7 prior to entering the classroom at 12:54pm.

1713.E.&F.: Supervision Participation

Not Met

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E: While supervising a group of children, staff shall devote their time to supervising the children, meeting the needs of the children, and participating with them in their activities.

F: Staff duties that include cooking, housekeeping or administrative functions shall not interfere with the supervision of children.

Finding:

1713.E.&F. Based on observations/interviews. While supervising a group of children, staff failed to devote their time to supervising the children, meeting the needs of the children, and participating with them in their activities. - At approximately 12:56pm, Specialist (M2) observed S9 in a classroom with 5 children (2 years old) with ear buds in her ears watching court tv on her cell phone. At approximately 12:58pm, S9 was observed putting away her cell phone. At approximately 1:00pm, Specialist (M2) observed S2 in a classroom with 6 children (1 years old) on her cell phone. S2 was observed putting away her cell phone at 1:01pm. At approximately 1:05pm, Specialist (M2) informed S1 of staff being on their cell phones during naptime. S1 stated that she was considering implementing a no cell phone policy for staff while on the premises.