

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)/record review at approximately 12:30 p.m., S1 failed to notify Child Welfare within 24 hours of the following incident: On 10/7/2021, C1's, age 3-year-old, whereabouts were unknown to S1, S4, S5 and S6 during dismissal as O1 notified S1 of C1 being outside prior to her arrival at the center. The incident was reported to Child Welfare on 10/14/2021 by S1.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 10/14/2021, S1 stated she will notify Child Welfare any time she submits a Critical Incident form to the Department to ensure the center is not cited this deficiency again.

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. Based on interview(s) at approximately 1:46 p.m., C1, age 3-years-old, failed to be supervised at all times on 10/7/2021, as S1, S4, S5, and S6 stated they were unaware of C1 going outside the front door alone during dismissal around 3:00 p.m. S1 was informed by O1, she found C1 outside waiting for her.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 10/8/2021, S1 stated the center implemented and will follow a new dismissal procedure to ensure the children are handed off to the parent from the staff to ensure this deficiency is not cited again.

1901.J.&K.: Items That Can be Harmful to Children

Not Met

1901.J.&K.: J. Items that can be harmful to children, such as medications, poisons, cleaning supplies and chemicals, and equipment, tools, knives and other potentially dangerous utensils, shall be kept in a locked cabinet or other secure place that ensures they are inaccessible to children.

K. Plastic bags, when not in use, regardless of purpose or use, shall be made inaccessible to children.

Finding:

1901.J. Based on observations at approximately 9:20 a.m., while conducting a walk-through of the center, Specialist observed items that can be harmful to children, such as cleaning supplies and chemicals, failed to be kept in a locked cabinet or other secure place that ensures they are inaccessible to children in the following classrooms: 107A, 109, and 112. This was corrected when S1 locked the cabinets in each classroom.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 10/15/2021, S1 stated she have each teacher remove the chemicals and cleaning supplies from the bottom cabinet and place them in a cabinet above the counter to ensure this deficiency is not cited again.