

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 record review/interview(s) on 10/19/2021, S1 failed to notify within 24 hours of the incident other appropriate agencies, Child Welfare, of the following critical incident: On 10/5/2021 at 12:55 p.m., S1 found C1, three-years-old, standing in the doorway of the classroom alone and out of S23's sight. S1 was conducting a routine walk-through of the center, when C1 was standing alone. She informed S23 that C1 was standing alone in the doorway. S1 and S25 stated they were unaware that Child Welfare needed to be informed of the incident. During the licensing inspection, on 10/19/2021, S25 contacted Child Welfare via telephone at approximately 12:50 p.m.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 10/19/2021, S1 stated all critical incidents that involve child safety and that are reported to the Department will also be submitted to Child Welfare to ensure this deficiency is not cited again.

1713.A.&B.&C.: Supervision

Not Met

- 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) on 10/19/2021, S23 failed to have children under supervision at all times on 10/5/2021, when at approximately 12:55 p.m., C1, three-years-old, was found by S1 standing alone in the doorway of the classroom and out of S23's sight. S23 stated she was assisting other students with restroom breaks and placing cots down for naptime and did not notice C1 was standing in the doorway alone. Based on staff statements, C1 was alone and unsupervised for approximately one minute before S1 found him.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 10/19/2021, S1 stated an all staff virtual training on active supervision in the classroom, on the playground, during naptime, and safety of children has been scheduled for 10/20/2021 to ensure this deficiency is not cited again.