

Statement of Deficiencies

1509.A.1.: Child Abuse and Neglect Policy

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- a. As mandated reporters, all staff and owners shall report any suspected abuse or neglect of a child to the Louisiana Child Protection Statewide Hotline 1-855-4LA-KIDS (1-855-452-5437);
- b. An early learning center shall not delay the reporting of suspected abuse or neglect to the Child Protection Statewide Hotline in order to conduct an internal investigation to verify the abuse or neglect allegations; and
- c. An early learning center shall not require staff to report suspected abuse or neglect to the center or management prior to reporting it to the Child Protection Statewide Hotline.

Finding:

1509.A.1. Based on interviews at 11:30 AM on 10/27/2020, although mandated reporters, center staff failed to report suspected abuse/neglect of a child to the Child Protection Statewide Hotline. On 10/16/2020, O1 contacted S2 to report C1 stated she was hit by her teachers, S5, S6, and S7. S1 and S2 conducted an internal investigation and stated they did not report this allegation to Child Welfare as it was not validated.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 10/27/2020, S1 stated she will ensure she submits any allegation of abuse or neglect to Child Welfare, regardless of the evidence she has, in order to ensure this deficiency is not cited again.
