

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) at approximately 1:01 p.m., S1 failed to notify the Department within 24 hours of the following critical incident: On 10/14/2021, O1 notified S1, S2 and S29 that C1, age 3, alleged a teacher hit her. O1 stated C1 later reported that the teacher did not hit her but hit another child with a belt for wetting himself. Although S1 and S29 notified Child Welfare on 10/15/2021, they did not report the allegations made to the Department.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 10/28/2021, S2 stated the center will contact the Department and Child Welfare anytime a parent reports an allegation so this deficiency is not cited again.

1507.A.: Daily Attendance Records - Children

Not Met

1507.A.: A daily attendance record for children shall be maintained that shall:

1. include the child's first and last name, arrival and departure times, and first and last name of person or entity to whom the child is released;
2. accurately reflect children on the center premises at any given time; and
3. be used to sign in and out if a child leaves and returns to the center during the day.

Finding:

1507.A. Based on record review/observations at approximately 10:22 a.m., S1 failed to maintain the daily attendance log for children to accurately reflect the children on the child care premises at any given time as 101 children were present and 92 children were signed in on the children's attendance log. During the licensing visit, S2 corrected this by signing in 9 children.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 10/29/2021, S2 stated they will gather the census from each class by 9:30 a.m. and check the attendance log to ensure all children are signed in so 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 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 10:06 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, were not kept in a locked cabinet or other secure place that ensures they are inaccessible to children, ages 2 and 3-year-old, in Building #3 in the following classrooms: Violets, Iris, Chicory, and Sunflowers. This was corrected when S2 placed all items in each classroom in a cabinet inaccessible to the children.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 10/29/2021, S2 stated she will send an email to all staff reminding them to place all chemicals in the locked cabinet under the changing table or in a cabinet above the sink inaccessible to the children so this deficiency is not cited again.