

Statement of Deficiencies

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

Not Met

1509.A.1.: a. As mandated reporters, all staff and owners shall report any allegation or suspicion of 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.a.: Based on observation/record review/interview on 11/13/2023, at 10:15 a.m., as a mandated reporter, S14 failed to report an allegation or suspicion of abuse or neglect of a child to the Louisiana Child Protection Statewide Hotline after observing C1, three-years-old, upon arrival at the childcare center and noting the following marks and explanations on the childcare center's daily observations:

- On 11/8/2023 - Red mark on right side of face - "Momma hit me."
- On 11/9/2023 - Red mark on left side of face - "Poppa hit me."

S14 made a report to the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services Online Reporter Portal prior to Specialist departure from the childcare center.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 11/27/2023, S1 stated she will conduct one-on-one retraining on mandated reporting with all staff no later than 12/4/2023 and a formal training will be conducted on 1/9/2023, and participation will be documented, to ensure compliance with this regulation.

1909.G.: Infant - Bibs

Not Met

1909.G.: Bibs shall not be worn by any child while asleep.

Finding:

1909.G.: Based on observations on 11/13/2023, at 9:57 a.m., S8 and S9 allowed a bib to be worn by four infants, C3-C7, while asleep. Corrected during inspection.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 11/27/2023, S1 stated she will review with infant classroom staff that they are to remove bibs when infants are beginning to show signs of sleepiness, to ensure compliance with this regulation.

1915.A.: Health Services - Observation

Not Met

1915.A.: Observation. Upon arrival at the center, the physical condition of each child shall be observed for possible signs of illness, infections, bruises or injuries, and when something is observed, it shall be documented and such documentation shall include an explanation from the parent or child.

Finding:

1915.A.: Based on observation/record review on 11/13/2023, at 9:45 a.m., staff failed to document C1's bruise on the left-side of his forehead with an explanation from the Parent at the time of his arrival at 7:03 a.m. Staff failed to document an explanation from the parent and/or child for the following observations noted upon the children at arrival at the childcare center:

- 10/23/2023 - scratch on left cheek;
- 10/30/2023 - bruise on forehead;
- 11/1/2023 - scratch on left side of face; and
- 11/13/2023 - scratch near left eye;

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 11/27/2023, S1 stated she will make sure staff have the correct forms to include a column for explanations and discuss with staff, all marks shall include an explanation from parent and/or child, to ensure compliance with this regulation.