

Statement of Deficiencies

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

Not Met

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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 observations/interviews on 12/10/19, at 11:30am, although mandated reporters, S1 failed to report suspected abuse/neglect of a child to the Child Protection Statewide Hotline as on 12/5/19, S1 observed video of S8 forcefully laying C1, one-year-old on the cot causing him to bump his nose on the plastic outer part of the cot. S1 stated she did not know if she need to report the incident. S1 made report during specialist visit on 12/10/19.

1509.A.8.a.&b.: Behavior Management Policy

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Each center shall develop and implement a written behavior management policy describing the methods of behavior guidance and management that shall be used at the center.

The behavior management policy shall prohibit children from being subject to any of the following:

- i. physical or corporal punishment which includes but is not limited to yelling, slapping, spanking, yanking, shaking, pinching, exposure to extreme temperatures or other measures producing physical pain, putting anything in the mouth of a child, requiring a child to exercise, or placing a child in an uncomfortable position.
- ii. verbal abuse, which includes but is not limited to using offensive or profane language, telling a child to "shut up", or making derogatory remarks about children or family members of children in the presence of children;
- iii. the threat of a prohibited action even if there is no intent to follow through with the threat;
- iv. being disciplined by another child;
- v. being bullied by another child;
- vi. being deprived of food or beverages;
- vii. being restrained by devices such as high chairs or feeding tables for disciplinary purposes; and
- viii. having active play time withheld for disciplinary purposes, except timeout may be used during active play time for an infraction incurred during the playtime.

Finding:

1509.A.8.a.&b: Based on observation/record review on 12/10/19, at 11:30am, Although the center developed and implemented a written behavior management policy, S8 used a prohibited method of discipline as on 12/5/19, C1, age 1, was subject to physical punishment . Specialist observed the center's video recording from 12/5/19 at 11:59am show C1 was laying on cot for nap time, C1 sat up from cot facing S8. S8 forcefully repositioned C1 in the opposite direction causing him to bump his nose on the plastic bar area of the cot which caused a scrape on the bridge of the nose and mild bleeding.

1915.B.&C.: Health Services - Parental Notification

Not Met

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B. Reporting. Incidents, injuries, accidents, illnesses, and unusual behavior shall be documented and reported to the parent no later than when the child is released to the parent or authorized representative on the day of the occurrence.

C. Immediate Notification. The parent shall be immediately notified in the following circumstances:

1. blood not contained in an adhesive strip;
2. head or neck or eye injury;
3. human bite that breaks the skin;
4. animal bite;
5. impaled object;
6. broken or dislodged teeth;
7. allergic reaction skin changes (e.g. rash, spots, swelling, etc.);
8. unusual breathing;
9. symptoms of dehydration;
10. temperature reading over 101° oral, 102° rectal, or 100° axillary; or
11. injury or illness requiring professional medical attention.

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Finding:

1915.C: Based on record review: S1 failed to have documentation of immediate notification to the parent when the following occurred to a child: On 12/5/19, at 11:59am, while S8 forcefully repositioned C1, age 1, on cot, C1 bumped his nose on the plastic bar area of cot which caused a scrape on the bridge of his nose and mild bleeding. S8 did not report the incident to director, S8 left the center for lunch at 12:00pm. At 12:50pm, S10 informed S3 of incident and that parental contact should be made. O1 was notified at 12:55pm.
