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Notice of Incident

Date of Incident: 3/11/2021
Date Reported to DCCECE: 3/12/2012

Agency Name: Dacus-UMCH
Agency Number: 108
Type of Facility: PRTF

Facility License Type: Regular

Type of Incident: Elopement

Incident Description:

The following is an email from Matthew Richardson-Director at Dacus: "At 12:30 p.m. the two staff members in the gym were dividing up Group 1 into two smaller groups, with one moving to the outside gym and the other staying inside. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were both on EP at the time and were instructed to stay inside the gym. The BI inside the gym was verifying that the EP status was still active when the two boys ran to the outside gym when the door opened. From there, they ran to the back corner of the court and climbed the fence to escape the enclosed area. The rest of Group 1 was escorted back into the gym, and two other staff members pursued the eloping residents on foot."

"The Bono Police were contacted at 12:33 p.m., and they assisted in the pursuit. The Bono Police apprehended both residents and returned them to the facility at 1:15 p.m."

Agency's Interim Corrective Action:

Both residents were placed on unit restriction and strict EP

Licensing Specialist Assigned: L. White

Licensing Supervisor Assigned: S. Singleton-Litzsey

Child Abuse Hotline (Only applies to maltreatment incidents)

Was the Hotline Called: N/A **Was it accepted?** N/A **Outcome:** N/A

Assigned Investigator: N/A

Date of DCCECE's Follow-up: 3/12/2021 **Type of Follow-up:** Email

Details from Follow-up:

The following is an email response received on 3/12/21 from Matthew Richardson with Dacus:

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"There were 10 residents and 2 staff members in the gym, so the ratio was 5:1. EP is Elopement Precautions. The staff has been instructed not to open the door to the outside court when residents on Elopement Precautions are in the gym. The two boys have admitted that they went to the far end of the outside court to avoid staff intervention when they attempted to climb the fence."