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Notice of Incident

Date of Incident: 3/25/2021
Date Reported to DCCECE: 3/25/2021

Agency Name: Piney Ridge Treatment Center
Agency Number: 203
Type of Facility: PRTF **Facility License Type:** Regular

Type of Incident: Maltreatment

Incident Description:

Email sent to specialist on 3-25-21 "Resident [REDACTED] (DOB [REDACTED]) reported that on the morning of 03/25/2021 at approximately 0700 he was pulled out of bed by the ankles and thrown against the wall by BHA [REDACTED]. The staff member was suspended pending investigation. [REDACTED] was assessed and did not have any pain or injury. The incident was called into the Arkansas State Police Hotline and accepted for investigation by DHS.

Agency's Interim Corrective Action:

Agency suspended staff member and after child was interviewed by DCFS staff member was terminated.

Licensing Specialist Assigned: R. Carlton
Licensing Supervisor Assigned: F. Stepps

Child Abuse Hotline (Only applies to maltreatment incidents)

Was the Hotline Called: Yes **Was it accepted?** Yes **Outcome:** Pending

Assigned Investigator: DCFS

Date of DCCECE's Follow-up: 3/29/2021 **Type of Follow-up:** Email

Details from Follow-up:

3-29-21 Specialist responded to self report from agency about the allegation child had made against staff member by email. Specialist was in contact with DCFS investigator who initially invited licensing to come out with them during the interview, but schedules did not match up. Investigator let specialist know she had interviewed the child on 4-6-21 and no outcome had been determined at this time, but that the staff member was terminated on this day. 4-8-21 Specialist visited facility and

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met with Cole Mitchell and Ronissa Adams who answered questions about the incident. No video footage of the incident exists because the cameras do not point inside the bedroom. No other staff or child witnessed the incident. The child was in a single bedroom and had no roommates. Child did not appear to have any bruising or any injury when examined by nurse. Agency contacted the child's mother when the allegation was made, and reportedly, the mother stated the child had been in a facility before and had a history of making allegations against staff he did not like. Agency decided to terminate staff anyway because they did not feel he was a good fit. Pending DCFS investigation outcome.