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Notice of Incident

Date of Incident: 5/7/2021

Date Reported to DCCECE: 5/7/2021

Agency Name: Centers For Youth and Families

Agency Number: 157

Type of Facility: PRTF **Facility License Type:** Regular

Type of Incident: Maltreatment

Incident Description:

IC- [REDACTED], age [REDACTED] is in DHS custody and residing in a foster home with aunt/foster mother [REDACTED] IS- [REDACTED], who was IC's former therapist at Centers for Youth and Families in Little Rock. The incident occurred when IC was a resident at the Centers facility (Pulaski Co). He was there from 12/29/20-04/24/21. IC disclosed on 05/06/21 that while he was at the facility that IS would call him into her office where she would undress and she would ask him to lick her "front" (how he refers to genital area). IC said he refused and IS threatened to kill him and showed him a knife. There was no indication that she attempted to cut/stab him with the knife, but since she made the threat and knew his address he did go ahead do it (perform oral sex). IC said this happened more than once, but he could not say how many times. He is not good with numbers and gets confused, though he does not have known special needs. IC did not clarify when the last incident occurred prior to him leaving the facility. IC said he did not disclose about this until now because he was scared of IS. As far as was known IS is still working at the facility.

Agency's Interim Corrective Action:

On 5/7/21, David Kuchinski emailed the following statement: We will be removing IS ([REDACTED]) from the schedule immediately due to pending investigation of maltreatment per this email.

Licensing Specialist Assigned: E. Breedlove

Licensing Supervisor Assigned: S. Singleton-Litzsey

Child Abuse Hotline (Only applies to maltreatment incidents)

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

Assigned Investigator: Garrick Rodgers

Date of DCCECE's Follow-up: 5/7/2021 **Type of Follow-up:** Email

Details from Follow-up: On 5/13/2021 PRLU unit received another accepted [REDACTED] involving foster child and AV [REDACTED]. The AV is [REDACTED], [REDACTED] a foster child. The AO's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] last name unknown and another unknown staff member. The reporter stated AV [REDACTED] disclosed several allegations from his time at Centers for Youth and Families. AV [REDACTED] began his therapist, AO [REDACTED], she made him suck her breast. The AV [REDACTED], said she played with his private area and then he had to go down and lick her private area and she threatened him with a knife she had in her draw and this happened two times. The reporter stated he went on to disclose that the program managers are AO [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], they were in AO [REDACTED]'s office and they locked the door and he had a gun and AO [REDACTED] had a big gun like an AK-47 and AO [REDACTED] had a gun. AO [REDACTED] and AO [REDACTED] both pointed it at him to his head. Then they both had sex in front of him, AO [REDACTED] and AO [REDACTED] then AO [REDACTED] made AV [REDACTED] perform oral sex on him. AV [REDACTED] said AO [REDACTED] put his private in AO [REDACTED] private. AO [REDACTED] then sucked AV [REDACTED]'s private area and then made him suck his private area. AO [REDACTED] penetrated him from behind and then AV [REDACTED] also penetrated him from behind. AV [REDACTED] then said AO [REDACTED] peed down his throat. This happened five or more times. AV [REDACTED] then said the last time it happened was a week before he left. AV [REDACTED] said the therapist threatened to kill him and she knew his address and his aunt. The reporter stated AV [REDACTED] said two more staff members abused him, one named AO [REDACTED] and another unknown staff member. The AV [REDACTED] stated, they were on the unit and AO [REDACTED] and the unknown staff member put a card over the camera and they had sex with him. AV [REDACTED] stated this happened three times.

5/18/21, Per notification of open investigation of [REDACTED], here is our facilities response effective today. We will have an interim internal correction plan (ICA) per the open investigation and [REDACTED] capacity as [REDACTED] will contain the following:

* [REDACTED] will not have any contact or interaction with the youth of this facility.

*Antoine Jackson Clinical Director will act in any capacity that is needed for [REDACTED] regarding contact or interaction with the youth of this facility.