

Division of Child Care & Early Childhood Education

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Notice of Incident

Date of Incident: 8/3/2021

Date Reported to DCCECE: 9/1/2021

Agency Name: Dacus RTC Agency Number: 108

Type of Facility: PRTF Facility License Type: Regular

Type of Incident: Suicide Attempt

Incident Description: IS1 was notified that IC1 was no longer in bed so IS1 looked for IC1 and located the IC1 in the floor with a pillow case tied ground IC1 neck. IS1 attempted to take pillow case off and received assistance from IS2 to remove it.

Agency's Interim Corrective Action: IC1 was taken to the nurses station for assessment.

Licensing Specialist Assigned: C.Vardell

Licensing Supervisor Assigned: S. Singleton-Litzsey

<u>Child Abuse Hotline</u> (Only applies to maltreatment incidents)

Was the Hotline Called:No Was it accepted?N/A Outcome: N/A

Assigned Investigator: N/A

Date of DCCECE's Follow-up: 9/1/2021 Type of Follow-up: Email

Details from Follow-up: 9/1/21-Specialist received an email response from CEO Craig Gammon that stated the following about the incident "For the client with the self-harm issues the pillow cases were removed from his room for a time, he was assessed by the nurse and the physician ordered suicide precautions which remained in place from 8/3 through 8/13. This included line of sight observation of the client by staff to prevent additional attempts but allow for normal bedding etc.. He was also placed on a focus system to adjust his behavioral interventions to specifically address this issue. His therapist met with him on 8/4 and addressed the suicidal behavior with him. She also reminded him of the coping skills he had already identified for use including deep breathing

exercises, journaling and listening to music to relieve his feelings of anger and depression. "