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Notice of Incident

Date of Incident: 8/6/2021

Date Reported to DCCECE: 12:00:00 AM

Agency Name: United Methodist Children's Home Little Rock Campus

Agency Number: 112

Type of Facility: PRTF

Facility License Type: Regular

Type of Incident: Maltreatment

Incident Description: On 8/6/21 at 8:00 a.m., IC1, [REDACTED] became upset at a peer and went over to the corner and started picking at her old sores making them bleed. IC1 refused to stop when asked by staff. IC1 became verbally aggressive and when staff intervened, she scratched several staff's arm. IC1 took articles of clothing and was attempting to tie them around her neck. Staff got the clothing away from her but IC1 continued to be aggressive by approaching staff to attack staff. IC1 was placed in a restraint and received a chemical due to her behavior. I was advised on 8/6/21 that staff called this into the hotline and was provided with the [REDACTED]. I was advised that the hotline call was not accepted but was documented.

Agency's Interim Corrective Action: Once video was reviewed by the facility it was discovered that IS1 [REDACTED], appeared to strike the child and it was said that the staff member used a profanity and lost her cool during the situation. This was relayed to me by staff at the facility in an email. Once the facility discovered this the staff member was put on leave pending the outcome of an internal investigation.

Licensing Specialist Assigned: S. Pitts

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: James Gossett

Date of DCCECE's Follow-up: 8/6/2021 **Type of Follow-up:** Email, In Person

Details from Follow-up: I received an email about this incident on 8/6/21 but no incident report was attached. I asked the facility administrator, Craig Gammon, to send me the report but did not actually receive a report until 8/19/21. The initial narrative of the incident was on the report I received on 8/19/21. There was also a follow up narrative explaining that video was reviewed by management at the facility and it explained that it was viewed that the IS1, [REDACTED] struck the child and that the IS1 was put on leave pending an investigation. On 8/19/21, I went to the facility and reviewed video of the incident that took place on [REDACTED]/21. The incident involving IS1, [REDACTED] and IC1, [REDACTED]. In the video I saw the staff member strike the child in the face when the child grabbed the staff member's arm. IS1 did not attempt to get away but stepped forward and struck the child. Another staff member, IS2, [REDACTED], separated the two. I cited the agency for 905.4.g—the following action shall not be used, including as discipline: Physical Injury or threat of bodily harm. I advised staff to call this back into the hotline. Staff called it into the [REDACTED], and it was accepted with the [REDACTED]. When I checked on this the next day, I was advised that the report was screened out. I called it into the hotline myself and it was accepted with referral number [REDACTED]. On 8/19/21, I received a call from the CACD investigator assigned to the report and was interviewed by him.