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## Notice of Incident

**Date of Incident:** 9/13/2021

**Date Reported to DCCECE:** 9/14/2021

**Agency Name:** Youth Home Inc.

**Agency Number:** 128

**Type of Facility:** PRTF

**Facility License Type:** Regular

**Type of Incident:** Incident

**Incident Description:** A/O, IC1, ██████ was accused of groping A/V, IC2, ██████ in the genitals, A/V, IC3, ██████ in the buttocks and A/V, IC4, ██████ in the buttocks along with his abdomen (lumbar area). ██████ was caught with ██████ on a couch tickling each other. Both were given 4 hours no privileges for this. This is when ██████ talked to staff about what ██████ was doing. ██████ also made a comment that staff should not need to check the cameras. ██████ stated that ██████ groped his buttocks numerous times on 9/12/21 from 1:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. He said he pulled up the bottom of his shorts and slid it towards his crotch to reveal his thigh. He also said ██████ tried to grab his crotch but was able to move out of the way. He said that he asked him to stop but he did not. He told staff later that he did not inform staff of this when it was occurring because he is afraid of him and how he will react. He said he was “terrified” of him beating him up. He stated that before ██████ has had issues with boundaries and touching him but not in a sexual way but just having poor boundaries. He said he felt the line was crossed heavily and feels very uncomfortable with him. ██████ stated that ██████ has been groping the arms, legs, buttocks, and genitals. ██████ stated that he groped his genitals. When asked why he and other peers did not report this he said that most are scared of him and that he was a bit scared of him as well. ██████ stated that ██████ was groping his buttocks, trying to kiss him and when ██████ tried to get off the couch that they were sitting on ██████ pulled him back down. ██████ also stated this happened). He said that he left a small mark on his lumbar area (abdomen). A ██████ was made because of this and was accepted. A member of the Arkansas State Police Crimes Against Children has begun an investigation and will be interviewing those accusing ██████ of this on Tuesday, September 14th. The agent staff spoke with is named ██████. Referral numbers are ██████, ██████, and ██████. This was reported by staff member IS1 ██████

**Agency’s Interim Corrective Action:** On 9/22/21 Youth Home provided an Interim Corrective Action that is as follows; On 9/22/21: Completed Corrective Action disciplinary from for all 3 staff that were working that shift. Had discussion with all 3 staff regarding what was seen on the video and how they could have better supervised this area. Retraining for all staff involved was scheduled for 9/27/21. ICA was approved by PRLU management on 9/22/21.

**Licensing Specialist Assigned:** S. Pitts  
**Licensing Supervisor Assigned:** A. Clowers

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**Child Abuse Hotline** (Only applies to maltreatment incidents)

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

**Assigned Investigator:** CACD

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**Date of DCCECE's Follow-up:** 9/20/2021 and 9/29/21 **Type of Follow-up:** Email

**Details from Follow-up:** On 9/20/21, I emailed staff at Youth Home to ask if they have video of the incidents. I asked that any video involving these incidents be saved. This was 4 separate incident reports that all had the same narrative. I have also emailed Licensing management to find out who the investigator is. I am waiting to find out who the investigator is so that I can request permission to request an Interim Corrective Action and get permission to go out and view the video. On 9/21/21 I contacted the CACD investigator and requested permission to contact the agency. On 9/21/21, the investigator responded back and granted permission for me to contact Youth Home. I sent Youth Home an email requesting an Interim Corrective Action on 9/21/21. Interim Corrective Action was received on 9/22/21 from the facility and was forwarded on to PRLU management. The ICA was approved. On 9/29/21, I, Steven Pitts, sent an email to the assigned investigator regarding the status of the maltreatment investigation and also sent an email to Youth Home management asking if the training had been completed. On 9/29/21, the investigator replied back that the investigation for all [REDACTED] is still pending.