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## Notice of Incident

**Date of Incident:** 6/12/2022

**Date Reported to DCCECE:** 6/15/2022

**Agency Name:** Millcreek

**Agency Number:** 233

**Type of Facility:** PRTF

**Facility License Type:** Regular

**Type of Incident:** Maltreatment

**Incident Description:** Location: Pebble Creek - PRTF Millcreek of Arkansas

**Allegation:** Client [REDACTED] reported that Staff [REDACTED] slapped [REDACTED] in the face.

**Risk Investigation:**

Staff [REDACTED] denies the allegation.

Nursing Report indicated that no injuries were present to the alleged victim.

1 Staff Member states that [REDACTED] witnessed the incident and did not see [REDACTED] slap [REDACTED]

3 patients confirm that they witnessed Staff [REDACTED] slap [REDACTED] in the face.

3 patients reported that they witnessed the entire incident and Staff [REDACTED] did not slap the patient.

1 patient reported that [REDACTED] self was the one that slapped [REDACTED] and it was not Staff [REDACTED] and another staff member confirmed that the patient did slap [REDACTED] in the face. Initial

report: A report was made to the AR Child Abuse Hotline. No return correspondence has been received at this time. Email 6/15/22 states that the report was accepted ref#2152404. When incident was suspected of maltreatment 6/14/22 the hotline was called the same day at 5:26PM.

**Agency's Interim Corrective Action:** Staff placed on administrative leave pending investigation.

**Licensing Specialist Assigned:** C.DeBoer

**Licensing Supervisor Assigned:** 6/12/2022

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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:** Yes

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**Date of DCCECE's Follow-up:** 6/15/2022 **Type of Follow-up:** Facility visit.

**Details from Follow-up:** Facility visited 6/17/22. Witness statement from client [REDACTED] states that another client, [REDACTED] slapped client [REDACTED]. Statement also states that [REDACTED] did not witness staff [REDACTED] hit or slap client [REDACTED]. Witness statement from client [REDACTED] states [REDACTED] witnessed client [REDACTED] slap [REDACTED]. Witness statement from client [REDACTED] states that [REDACTED] was the person who slapped [REDACTED] not staff [REDACTED]. Witness statement from [REDACTED] states that staff [REDACTED] was attempting to calm [REDACTED] down, then slapped [REDACTED] then threw [REDACTED] on the ground.

Witness statement from [REDACTED] states that staff [REDACTED] slapped [REDACTED] across the face because [REDACTED] threw a basketball over the fence. Witness statement from [REDACTED] (A/V) states that staff [REDACTED] slapped [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] face. Witness statement from staff [REDACTED] states that [REDACTED] was yelling and would not follow rules. States that [REDACTED] began hitting [REDACTED] head against the wall, punching [REDACTED] self in the face and neck and punching the concrete slab. Client [REDACTED] attempted to intervene at which point [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] began to fight. At one point [REDACTED] hit staff and [REDACTED] was directed to move away. [REDACTED] was grabbing other client's belongings to rip them up. Staff [REDACTED] grabbed [REDACTED]'s wrist to remove items. Staff [REDACTED] was assisted by staff [REDACTED] in escorting [REDACTED] to the unit. Witness statement from [REDACTED] states that client [REDACTED] was not following the rules, threw a basketball over the fence and began being destructive to other clients belongings. States [REDACTED] and staff [REDACTED] escorted [REDACTED] to unit. Witness statement from [REDACTED] (Weekend Supervisor) states that [REDACTED] was brought to [REDACTED] office by staff [REDACTED]. States that [REDACTED] sat in [REDACTED] office for 45 minutes and at no time mentioned being slapped or that any staff had done anything to [REDACTED]. Witness statement adds that client [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had separated the kids off [REDACTED] and brought [REDACTED] to the office.

Facility visited 6/17/22. Client [REDACTED] interviewed. Client [REDACTED] stated that staff [REDACTED] "slapped" [REDACTED] pointing to left cheek. When asked, client [REDACTED] stated that staff [REDACTED] had not said anything to [REDACTED] before, during or after slapping [REDACTED]. When asked what happened before slap [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] was "mad and yelling". When asked what happened after staff [REDACTED] slapped [REDACTED] "I don't remember". [REDACTED] was asked again if staff [REDACTED] said anything to [REDACTED] at all during this incident "[REDACTED] tries playing jokes...I don't play jokes".

No definitive evidence to support nor refute claim. Licensing is not prepared to make a finding at this time.