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Notice of Incident

Date of Incident: 6/28/2022
Date Reported to DCCECE: 6/29/2022

Agency Name: Elizabeth Mitchell Centers
Agency Number: 156
Type of Facility: PRTF **Facility License Type:** Regular

Type of Incident: Elopement

Incident Description: On 6/28/2022, several clients were playing outside in the fenced area in the back of EMCC. At approximately 1752 hours, five clients breached the locked gate of EMCC and gained access to the parking lot of the facility. Centers' staff were quickly able to retrieve four of the clients before they left The Centers' campus. The four clients were all safely returned to the EMCC building. The fifth student, [REDACTED] was seen leaving campus and walking down 12th Street towards the Valero Big Red convenience store located at 7200 West 12th Street. Staff had [REDACTED] in their sight the entire time and followed [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] to the parking lot of the Big Red store. Once [REDACTED] reached the parking lot of the Big Red store, several additional staff arrived. [REDACTED] refused staffs' request to return with them to Centers. Staff attempted to verbally deescalate [REDACTED] for several minutes but were unable to convince [REDACTED] to get into a Centers' van and return to campus. Out of a fear for EH's safety (several moving vehicles on the parking lot and on 12th Street) [REDACTED] was escorted by staff to the agency van and transported back to The Centers' campus. Once back on the campus, [REDACTED] refused to exit the van. Centers' staff called The Little Rock Police Department (LRPD) to make a police report concerning this incident. An LRPD Officer arrived at The Centers' campus as [REDACTED] was refusing to exit the van. Once again, Centers' staff attempted to verbally deescalate [REDACTED] for several minutes but [REDACTED] refused to exit the vehicle. [REDACTED] was yelling, screaming, and banging [REDACTED] hand against the van's glass window. Again, out of fear for [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] safety, staff attempted to escort [REDACTED] from the van. [REDACTED] was extremely combative with staff, so the LRPD Officer attempted to assist them. At one point, [REDACTED] bit the LRPD Officer's hand (did not break the skin). Centers' staff members escorted [REDACTED] into the building at EMCC and placed [REDACTED] into an Emergency Safety Intervention (ESI) hold that lasted approximately ten minutes. During this incident, [REDACTED] bit (breaking the skin of one), kicked, hit, and pulled the hair of several staff members. [REDACTED] did not sustain any injuries as a result of this incident. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 's guardian was notified about this incident.

Agency's Interim Corrective Action: [REDACTED].

Licensing Specialist Assigned: C.DeBoer
Licensing Supervisor Assigned: 6/28/2022

Child Abuse Hotline (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: 6/30/2022 **Type of Follow-up:** Phone call.

Details from Follow-up: Eric Knowles, Risk Mgmt. from EMCC, phoned stating that fence area client had eloped from had been welded and reinforced with steel to prevent further elopements.