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Notice of Serious Incident

Date of Incident: 11/24/2022

Date Received by DCCECE: 11/28/2022

Facility Name: Elizabeth Mitchell Centers

Facility Number: 157

Facility Type: Residential

Incident Type: Licensing

Report Description: I wanted to inform you of an incident that occurred at The Centers (EMAC) on 11/24/2022. On 11/24/2022, at approximately 1850 hours, clients [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ([REDACTED], DOB: [REDACTED]) and [REDACTED] ([REDACTED], DOB: [REDACTED]) were in the hallway, outside their dorm area when they discharged a fire extinguisher, causing the fire alarm to be activated. Staff opened the emergency exit door to remove the clients from the dorm. The emergency exit leads to the parking lot and once [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] gained access to the parking lot, they eloped from the facility. Centers staff were able to follow [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and never lost sight of them. Centers staff followed the two clients to a convenience store (7200 West 12th) several blocks from the Centers facility. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were recovered at the convenience store and returned to EMAC. Neither [REDACTED] nor [REDACTED] sustained any injuries because of this incident. The guardians for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were notified about this incident. [REDACTED] is an [REDACTED] at The Centers. [REDACTED] is a private placement at The Centers. The Little Rock Police Department (LRPD) and the Little Rock Fire Department (LRFD) responded to The Centers as a result of this incident. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information.

Interim Action Narrative:

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Maltreatment Narrative:

Outcome:

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Licensing Narrative: On 11/24/2022, at approximately 1850 hours, clients [REDACTED] ([REDACTED], DOB: [REDACTED]) and [REDACTED] ([REDACTED], DOB: [REDACTED]) were in the hallway, outside their dorm area when they discharged a fire extinguisher, causing the fire alarm to be activated. Staff opened the emergency exit door to remove the clients from the dorm. The emergency exit leads to the parking lot and once [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] gained access to the parking lot, they eloped from the facility. Centers staff were able to follow [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and never lost sight of them. Centers staff followed the two clients to a convenience store (7200 West 12th) several blocks from the Centers facility. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were recovered at the convenience store and returned to EMAC. Neither [REDACTED] nor [REDACTED] sustained any injuries because of this incident. The guardians for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were notified about this incident. [REDACTED] is an Arkansas DCFS placement at The Centers. [REDACTED] is a private placement at The Centers. The Little Rock Police Department (LRPD) and the Little Rock Fire Department (LRFD) responded to The Centers as a result of this incident. Facility visited 11/28/22 and video reviewed from 11/24/22. Staff/client ratio for 11/24/22 was 2 nurses + 7 staff/24 clients. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] seen in a hallway. [REDACTED] is seen discharging a fire extinguisher in a hallway, 1 staff seen and 1 staff heard in audio. Video viewed from inside Dorm 1. Dorm 1 staff/client ratio seen to be 1:5. Staff let [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] into Dorm 1, seeing fire extinguisher discharge in hallway. Dorm 1's emergency exit does not exit within fence line; it exits directly into the parking lot. Dorm 1 staff open emergency exit. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] seen walking through the parking lot with 2 staff, staff attempting to provide barriers to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] eloping. 2 additional staff are seen joining parking lot. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are seen walking out of camera view, staff following. Facility self-report indicates that staff never lost sight of clients. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were transported back to facility by LRPD. Video reviewed of police cruiser returning clients at about 1917. No licensing concerns from camera footage viewed.