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Notice of Serious Incident

Date of Incident: 3/24/2023

Date Received by DCCECE: 3/27/2023

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 (EMCC) on 3/24/2023. On 3/23/2023, client [REDACTED], DOB: [REDACTED] was observed biting and bending his left thumb backwards. Staff intervened and stopped [REDACTED] from harming himself any further. Medical personnel assessed [REDACTED] and did not note any visible injury to his left hand. On 3/24/2023, medical personnel assessed [REDACTED] once again and noted he had a slight amount of swelling to his left thumb. [REDACTED] told staff he "really" injured his thumb on 3/23/23 while playing basketball but did not report it to anyone. Out of an abundance of caution, Centers' staff transported [REDACTED] to Ortho Arkansas for further evaluation. Once at Ortho Arkansas, [REDACTED]'s left hand was x-rayed. It was determined he had sustained a [REDACTED] of his left thumb. The left hand/thumb was placed in a cast, and a follow-up appointment at Ortho Arkansas was scheduled for 3/31/2023. After [REDACTED]'s medical treatment at Ortho Arkansas, he was transported back to EMCC by Centers' staff. Centers' medical personnel will continue to monitor [REDACTED]'s guardian was notified about this incident. [REDACTED] is a private placement at The Centers. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information.

Interim Action Narrative: Resident was assessed by medical personnel on 3/23/2023 no visible injury noted. 3/24/2023, medical personnel noted swelling to his left thumb. Resident sent to Ortho AR for further evaluation. Follow-up appointment scheduled for 3/31/2023.

Maltreatment Narrative:

Licensing Narrative: Licensing Specialist reviewed provider reported incident. Licensing Specialist followed-up with facility. Licensing Specialist informed that resident was assessed again this morning with no complaints. Resident scheduled for follow-up appointment with Ortho Arkansas on 3/31/2023. 4/3/2023, Licensing Specialist followed-up with facility on the outcome of resident's appointment. 4/4/2023, Licensing Specialist informed that resident refused to keep soft cast on he was placed in a thumb spica cast to prevent him from removing it. No licensing concerns noted.