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Notice of Serious Incident

Date of Incident: 3/29/2023

Date Received by DCCECE: 3/30/2023

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 3/29/2023. On 3/29/2023, client [REDACTED] (DOB: [REDACTED]) told staff she had placed several rubber bands in her right ear and was unable to remove them. Centers medical personnel examined [REDACTED]'s right ear but were unable to remove the foreign object from her ear. Out of an abundance of caution, Dr. Perkins ordered [REDACTED] to be sent to Arkansas Children's Hospital (ACH) for further evaluation. Centers' staff transported [REDACTED] to ACH. Medical personnel at ACH removed two rubber bands from [REDACTED]'s right ear. After the rubber bands were removed from [REDACTED]'s ear, she was transported back to EMCC by Centers' staff. [REDACTED]'s guardian was notified about this incident. [REDACTED] is a DCFS 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 and ordered to be evaluated at ACH. Medical personnel at ACH removed two rubber bands for the resident's ear.

Maltreatment Narrative:

Licensing Narrative: Licensing Specialist reviewed provider reported incident. Licensing Specialist followed-up with facility on how the resident obtained the rubber bands. Licensing Specialist informed that this incident happened in the classroom and there is no camera footage. The camera in this classroom is not working and a repair ticket has been made. 4/4/2023, Licensing Specialist inquired about a corrective action plan. 4/5/2023, Licensing Specialist informed of ratio during the time of incident 3:14 and informed of the corrective action plan. No other licensing concerns noted.