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Notice of Serious Incident

Date of Incident: 9/6/2023

Date Received by DCCECE:9/7/2023

Facility Name: Elizabeth Mitchell Centers

Facility Number: 157

Incident Type: Dual

Report Description: On September 6, 2023, an incident occurred at EMCC 6601, West 12th Little Rock, Arkansas. Client, DOB: ) was refusing to take a shower. Staff member Mr. was trying to force the client to shower. in the face, and struck the student in the head punched (it?s unclear on the exact action that took place.) immediately left the facility sent a text message to Mr. Michael Ikiliagwu stating he of his own free will. was sorry for what had occurred, but he needed to remove himself from the premises. He knows there will be consequences and there will be questions that need to be answered. No since the incident. No other staff member was present at one has spoken with the time of the incident. was assessed by medical personnel on site. Abrasions were observed to the top of the client?s head. was monitored, and no other injuries were noted.

Interim Action Narrative: Staff left the facility grounds of his own free will immediately following the incident and has not returned.

Maltreatment Narrative: Resident was refusing to take a shower when the staff was attempting to force him to shower. The resident punched the staff and the staff responded by hitting the resident in the head leaving a bruise and abrasions were noted on the top of the resident's

We Care. We Act. We Change Lives. humanservices.arkansas.gov Licensing Narrative: 9/7/23- Program Coordinator emailed the investigator to request permission to contact the agency. Permission granted. Licensing Specialist informed of incident while reviewing camera footage for another incident. Licensing Specialist reviewed camera footage for this incident. Licensing Specialist will request documentation of staff member's official termination, nursing note, and resident's guardianship. 9/8/2023-Licensing received permission from Investigator Stewart to contact the facility. 10/5/2023-, Licensing Specialist followed-up with Investigator Stewart on status of referral. Investigator Stewart informed Licensing Specialist case was found unsubstantiated.



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## **521 Visit Compliance Report**

Licensee: Elizabeth Mitchell Centers

Facility Number: 157

Licensee Address: 6501 W 12TH ST LITTLE ROCK AR 72204-1511

Licensing Specialist: Kendra Rice

Person In Charge: Paul Hofstad

Record Visit Date: 9/7/2023

Home Visit Date: 9/7/2023

Purpose of Visit: Complaint Visit

#### **Regulations Out of Compliance:**

#### Regulation Number: 1.109.1.g

Regulation Description: Unprofessional conduct in the practice of child welfare activities shall include, but not limited to the following:

Finding Description: Staff member displayed unprofessional conduct by hold the door closed and blocking the door to prevent resident from exiting the bathroom.

Action Due Date:

Action Due Description:

**Comply Date:** 

**Sub-Regulation Level 1 Description:** Engaging in behavior that could be viewed as sexual, dangerous, exploitative, or physically harmful to children.

Action Due Description:

Regulation Number: 9.905.4.g

Regulation Description: The following actions shall not be used, including as discipline:

Finding Description: Staff member held the door closed and used his body in attempt to make resident complete hygiene.

Action Due Date: Action Due Description: Comply Date: Sub-Regulation Level 1 Description: Physical injury or threat of bodily harm; Action Due Description: Regulation Number: 9.907.2 Regulation Description: Child caring staff shall be responsible for providing the level of supervision, care, and treatment necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of each child at the facility, taking into account the child's age, individual differences and abilities, surrounding circumstances, hazards and risks. Finding Description: Staff member left residents unsupervised when the bathroom door closed. Action Due Date: Action Due Description:

Comply Date:

**Action Due Description:** 

**Regulations Needing Technical Assistance:** 

**Regulation Not Applicable:** 

**Regulations Not Correctable:** 

#### Narrative:

Time of visit: 11:30 am to 2:30 pm Census: 28

Licensing received a complaint on 9/7/2023 for ELS Case #015966.

Licensing Specialist reviewed camera footage for reported incident on 9/7/2023. The alleged incident took place on the North Dorm.

Licensing Specialist observed a few residents in the hallway sitting on the floor, one resident was completing hygiene, another resident was playing a game in the common area, resident involved in the incident was observed hitting on a bathroom door. Ratio 1:6.

A staff member was observed opening the bathroom door for the resident to complete hygiene. Resident was observed standing in the hall in front of the bathroom bucking at a peer. Licensing Specialist observed resident enter the bathroom and attempted to come out. A staff member was observed trying to force the resident into the bathroom.

Licensing Specialist observed the staff member closing the bathroom door and pulling on the doorknob to prevent the resident from leaving the bathroom several times. The staff member was also observed using his body to block the doorway to prevent the resident from leaving the bathroom. Resident was observed swinging at the staff member.

The staff member was observed partially in the hall and bathroom. The bathroom door closed with the resident and staff member inside. Licensing Specialist was unable to observe what took place in the bathroom due to no camera in that location. The other residents were in the hall or in the common area without a staff member present.

Licensing Specialist observed a female staff member enter the North Dorm. She walked down the hall and opened the bathroom door. Once she opened the door, the male staff was observed walking out of the bathroom and off the dorm. The resident was observed walking out of the bathroom rubbing his head.

Two male staff members were observed entering North Dorm. One male staff was observed talking to the resident and looking at his head. Licensing Specialist reviewed a picture of the resident's abrasions on his scalp.

Based on Licensing Specialist's camera review, the facility will be cited for the following regulations:

R109.1.g - Staff member displayed unprofessional conduct by holding the door closed and using his body to block the resident from leaving the bathroom.

R905.4.g – Staff member preventing resident from leaving the bathroom for not wanting to complete hygiene. R907.2 – Staff member was behind a closed door leaving the other residents unsupervised.

#### **Provider Comments:**

CCL Staff Signature :

Date: 11/28/2023

Provider Signature :

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Person In Charge: John Hogue

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Home Visit Date: 10/5/2023

Purpose of Visit: Revisit Complaint

**Regulations Out of Compliance:** 

**Regulations Needing Technical Assistance:** 

**Regulation Not Applicable:** 

**Regulations Not Correctable:** 

Narrative:

No in-person licensing visit was completed on 10/5/2023.

Licensing received a complaint on 9/6/2023 for ELS Case #015966.

This complaint has been FOUNDED by Licensing.

The facility was cited for regulations 109.1.g, 905.4.g, and 907.2 on 9/7/2023.

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