



**Placement and Residential Licensing Unit**

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**Notice of Serious Incident**

**Case Number:** 025492

**Date of Incident:** 11/7/2024

**Date Received:** 11/7/2024

**Facility Name:** United Methodist Children's Home Little Rock Campus

**Facility Number:** 115

**Incident Type:** Licensing

**Report Description:** A report was received that the facility does not currently have any teachers on staff as of 9/6/2024. The facility is reportedly using substitutes to make up for the lack of teachers.

**Interim Action Narrative:**

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**Maltreatment Narrative:**

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**Licensing Narrative:** The program manager emailed the facility to inquire if the facility has any teachers on staff. 11/14/2024- The program manager received a response from the facility confirming they do not currently have any teachers on staff and are using staff who have bachelor's degrees as substitutes until a new teacher begins. The new special education teacher is set to begin her orientation with the agency on 11/25/2024 and they plan to hire an additional three teachers. 11/20/2024- Further questions were asked by licensing of the agency to include, how many classrooms are they operating, how are they splitting up the resident to provide classroom instruction, what type of bachelor's degrees do the staff have that are currently teaching the children, will the new special education teacher be teaching all the children or will the other substitutes continue to teach under her supervision, and how many children are on IEPs or 504 plans. The questions were answered as follows: 4 classrooms are in operation, 2 classrooms per floor with 10 girls per classroom

and 9 boys for each of the other 2 classrooms, the staff has a bachelor's degree in Family and Consumer Science and is in the process of obtaining a teaching degree, the new special education teacher will be providing oversight of the other staff once she begins, and they have 9 on IEPs and 2 on 504 plans. The facility is continuing to provide education to the residents pending the hire of the new teacher.