

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL		INVESTIGATIVE REPORT
Case No.	Report Date	Investigator Name
1118-0176	September 17, 2018	XXXXXX
Facility/Agency Name		
CTF Illinois		
Facility/Agency Address		Incident Location
6775 Prosperi Drive Tinley Park, Illinois 60477		XXXXXX

Allegation

On October 28, 2017, the Office of the Inspector General received a reported allegation of neglect from CTF Illinois. It was alleged that XXXXX left individual XXXXX unsupervised in the agency van, and he eloped and was missing for 22 to 24 hours.

Synopsis

XXXXX worked at the XXXXX CILA, with XXXXX on October 28, 2017. XXXXX was assigned to provide 1:1 supervision for individual XXXXX, and line-of-sight supervision for XXXXX. XXXXX transported XXXXX and XXXXX in the agency van between 3:01 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., to calm XXXXX, who was reported to be yelling at XXXXX while in the CILA. During the van ride, XXXXX received a telephone call from her residence, requesting her child's fever medication be dropped off, which was in her purse, and XXXXX asked to use the washroom, having to "pee." XXXXX transported XXXXX and XXXXX to her home at XXXXX, around 4:15 pm or 4:30 p.m. She parked the vehicle and asked XXXXX to remove his seat belt, exit the vehicle, and accompany her and XXXXX into her home. XXXXX refused, XXXXX placed the child safety locks on the van, exited the vehicle with XXXXX and left XXXXX in the van, unsupervised. She and XXXXX were in her house between 8 to 10 minutes. While unsupervised, XXXXX eloped from the van and was missing for about 22 to 24 hours. While he was missing, XXXXX searched the neighborhood and contacted the police, a missing person's bulletin was completed seeking the community's help in locating XXXXX, XXXXX supervisor and XXXXX guardians were notified, and available agency staff also looked-for him. The Harvey Police Department found XXXXX at a bus stop in Harvey, Illinois, at 2:30 p.m. on October 29, 2017, and transported him to Ingalls Hospital for a well-being check. According to the October 2017, weather report for Flossmoor, Sauk Village and Harvey, Illinois, the temperature was in the mid 50's, during the daytime and between 39 to 43 degrees during the night. XXXXX who was responsible for line-of-sight supervision of XXXXX, failed to follow the Supervision Policy (policy #2.14), failed to follow the Transportation Policy (policy #1.04) by leaving XXXXX unattended in the van and failed to follow the Missing Person/Elopement Policy (policy #2.16) by not contacting her supervisor after searching for XXXXX for more than 15 minutes and not locating him. XXXXX appeared to allow several hours to pass before notifying anyone at CTF Illinois or contacting the police department.

Findings

Based on the facts in this case the following was concluded: The allegation of neglect XXXXX is substantiated.

Recommendations

The Office of the Inspector General recommends the following: The agency ensure adequate staffing, based on the needs and safety requirements of the individuals, especially if one staff person is assigned 1:1 supervision.