

Incident Media Reports

August 2022: On Tuesday morning August 2, the Bethel Buddies Preschool Director received an allegation of misconduct by a preschool employee. After review by the Director of the alleged incident, the Director terminated the employee from employment effective immediately and report was filed with the Vanderburgh County Department of Child Services agency. Bethel UCC is providing full cooperation with the local authorities during the investigation.

February 2023: On Wednesday, February 8, a staff member received a call from a parent who was reporting an allegation of misconduct by a former preschool employee. That employee's position had been terminated immediately following a previous allegation of misconduct that we had received on August 2, 2022. Our staff encouraged the parent to report this second incident to Vanderburgh County Department of Child Services (DCS) and our staff reported what was told to them to DCS as well. Bethel UCC is cooperating with the local authorities as the alleged incident is being investigated. The child involved in the alleged incident has not been enrolled in the preschool since July of 2022. We are also praying for everyone involved in this process.

As a reminder to families, if a child does disclose something, please do not pry for details. The safest response is to tell that you believe them, they are safe, nothing was their fault, and that you are getting them help from people who work with kids. Make an immediate report to the Indiana Child abuse Hotline at 1-800-800-5556.