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# Statement of Deficiencies

## 1711-A-B-D-G: Child to Staff Ratio

Not Met

1711-A-B-D-G:

- A. Child to staff ratios are established to ensure the safety of all children.
- B. Minimum child to staff ratios shall be met at all times.
- 1. There shall be a minimum of two staff members present at an early learning center when more than one child is present.
- 2. Only those staff members directly providing care, supervision or guidance to children shall be counted in the child to staff ratios.
- D. Minimum Child to Staff Ratios for Type II and Type III centers:

Ages of Children			Ratio
Infants under 1 year	•		5:1
1 year		7:1	
2 years			11:1
3 years	13:1		
4 years		15:1	
5 years		19:1	
6 years and up		23:1	

- G. Mixed Age Groups Minimum Child to Staff Ratios
- 1. An average of the child to staff ratios may be applied to mixed age groups of children ages 2, 3, 4 and 5
- 2. Child to staff ratios for children under age two are excluded from averaging.
- 3. When a mixed age group includes children younger than age two, the age of the youngest child determines the child to staff ratio for the group.
- 4. An average may be applied to a mixed age group consisting only of children ages 5 and older.

## Finding:

1711-A-B-D-G Based on record review/interview(s):

Provider did not have at a minimum of 2 child care staff present at an early learning center when more than one child is present as one S1 was supervising 2 children age 1 year on 01/05/217 during the time of 6:30am-7:00am.

1713-A&B&C: Supervision Not Met

1713-A&B&C:

- A: Children shall be supervised at all times in the center, on the playground, on field trips, on non-vehicular excursions, and during all water activities and water play activities.
- B: Children shall not be left alone in any room, (except the restroom as indicated in Subsection G), outdoors, or in vehicles, even momentarily, without staff present.
- C: A staff person shall be assigned to supervise specific children whose names and whereabouts that staff person shall know and with whom the staff person shall be physically present. Staff shall be able to state how many children are in their care at all times.

## Finding:

1713 A&B&C Based on observations: Children were not under supervision at all times on 01/05/2017. Specialists observed S1 having to go to the kitchen to get lunch that was prepared by S3 to take it to her class and S2's class leaving her class, consisting of five 2 - 3 year old children alone, out of sight of staff. Specialists observed that S1 also had to leave her room, leaving her 5 children unattended to get the children's blankets for naptime and to turn the lights off during naptime, as the light switches are located near the entrance door of the center and the classroom is in the back corner of the center.

#### 1915-A: Health Services - Observation

**Not Met** 

1915-A: Observation. Upon arrival at the center, the physical condition of each child shall be observed for possible signs of illness, infections, bruises or injuries, and when something is observed, it shall be documented and such documentation shall include an explanation from the parent or child.

#### Finding:

1915-A Based on record review: The provider did not document observations, when something is observed, noted on children upon arrival to the center. Results including an explanation from parent and/or child were not documented.