

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.: Based on observation/interview: At 10:58am, S4 failed to meet the required child to staff ratio when she left the room where 10 infants were with 1 staff. According to S3, she supervised her 5 infants while also supervising S4's 5 infants, over the half wall in the room, for S4 to leave the room for a restroom break. The required ratio for children of this age is 5 infants per 1 staff person. Both S3 and S4 were needed at all times to meet ratio in the room.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 1/7/2021, S1 stated she will ensure the staff request a staff replacement in the classroom before leaving the room out of ratio to ensure this deficiency is not recited. According to S1, the staff usually request a replacement before leaving the room.

1721.H.: Continuing Education Certificates of Completion or Transcripts

Not Met

1721.H.: H. Copies of certificates of completion or transcripts shall be maintained at the center and available for inspection by the licensing division upon request.

Finding:

1721.E. Based on record review/interview: Specialist observed S1 failed to have certificates of completion for 5 of 8 staff. Staff are required to complete three hours of training provided by a child care health consultant on topics such as infectious diseases, health and safety, and/or food service preparation required in LAC 51:XXI.301.A.9. S1 stated due to COVID-19, staff were unable to complete the training, although provided by Zoom conference.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 1/7/2021, S1 stated she will have all current employed staff complete the training by March 2021. Following this licensed year, S1 will have all staff complete the training within the center's anniversary year to ensure this deficiency is not recited.