

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.1. Based on record review: 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 staff was supervising 15 children from under 12 months of age to 4 years old on 1/9/19 from 6:05 a.m. until a second staff member arrived at 7:31 a.m. This is based on the computerized Daily Attendance logs for staff and children upon Specialist's arrival on 1/9/19 at 9:45 a.m. There were 2 - Infants, 5 - One year old children, 4 - Two year old children, 1 - Three year old child, and 3 - Four year old children with one staff, S6, from 6:05 a.m. until a second staff member, S3, arrived at 7:31 a.m. S1 stated S8 and S9 were at the center the morning of 1/9/19, but did not sign in on the computer system.

1903.E.6.: Outdoor - Crawlspace

Not Met

1903.E.6.: Crawlspace and mechanical, electrical, or other hazardous equipment shall be made inaccessible to children.

Finding:

1903.E.6. Based on observations: Electrical or other hazardous equipment is not inaccessible to children as Specialist observed two air conditioning units in the outdoor play area to the left side of the center building to be accessible to children. The cyclone/chain link fencing surrounding the A/C units have two fence posts which have rusted and collapsed, not allowing for secure fencing to prevent children from coming into contact with the A/C units.

1919.A.&B.: Food Service and Nutrition - Menu

Not Met

1919.A.&B.: A. All meals and snacks provided by the center, and their preparation, service and storage, shall meet the requirements for meals of the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), 7 CFR 226.20, and LAC 51:XXIII.

B. The weekly menu shall:

1. be planned for each day of the week and list the specific food items served;
2. be prominently posted by the first day of each week and remain posted throughout the week; and
3. have substitutions or additions posted on or near the menu.

Finding:

1919-A.&B. Based on observation/record review: The current weekly menu listing specific food items served for each day of the week was not prominently posted by the first day of each week and remain posted throughout the week. There was no menu posted for the week of 1/7/19, only daily menus were posted after the meals were served. Corrected before departure.

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1921.A.: Emergency Preparedness and Evacuation Planning

Not Met

1921.A.: Emergency and Evacuation Plan. The director shall consult with appropriate state and local authorities and shall establish and follow a written multi-hazard emergency and evacuation plan to protect children in the event of emergencies that at a minimum shall:

1. address any potential disaster related to the area in which the center is located;
2. include procedures for sheltering in place, lockdown and evacuation to a pre-determined site for potential threats to the safety, health and well-being of children in care;
3. include specific procedures for handling infants through two year olds, including food and formula;
4. include specific procedures for handling children with special needs, including the evacuation and transportation of children in wheelchairs;
5. include a system to account for all children;
6. include a system, and a back-up system, for contacting parents and authorized third party release caretakers;
7. include a system to reunite children and parents following an emergency;
8. include procedures for providing information about the emergency plan to parents at the time of enrollment and when changes occur;
9. be reviewed annually for accuracy and updated as changes occur; and
10. be reviewed with all staff at least once per year.
11. practice drills shall be conducted at least twice per year to include all children and shall be documented.

Finding:

1921.A. Based on record review: S1 failed to conduct and document practice drills at least twice per year.
