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Statement of Deficiencies

1509-A.8. a-b: Behavior Management Policy

Not Met

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Each center shall develop and implement a written behavior management policy describing the methods of behavior guidance and management that shall be used at the center.

The behavior management policy shall prohibit children from being subject to any of the following:

- i. physical or corporal punishment which includes but is not limited to yelling, slapping, spanking, yanking, shaking, pinching, exposure to extreme temperatures or other measures producing physical pain, putting anything in the mouth of a child, requiring a child to exercise, or placing a child in an uncomfortable position.
- ii. verbal abuse, which includes but is not limited to using offensive or profane language, telling a child to "shut up", or making derogatory remarks about children or family members of children in the presence of children;
- iii. the threat of a prohibited action even if there is no intent to follow through with the threat;
- iv. being disciplined by another child;
- v. being bullied by another child;
- vi. being deprived of food or beverages;
- vii. being restrained by devices such as high chairs or feeding tables for disciplinary purposes; and
- viii. having active play time withheld for disciplinary purposes, except timeout may be used during active play time for an infraction incurred during the playtime.

Finding:

1509-A.8. i.,vi. Based on interview(s): On review of the center's surveillance footage of 12/16/2016 at 1:24pm, S3 stated she observed S20 pull C1 by the arm and isolate C1 in a corner of the classroom for approximately 12 minutes until 1:36pm. C1 is 4 years old. S3 stated she also observed on same video surveillance footage, S20 taunting C1 with snack food approximately 3 times before giving child her snack.

1509-A.8.c: Behavior Management Policy - Time Out

Not Met

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- i. Time out shall not be used for children under age 2.
- ii. A time out shall take place within sight of staff.
- iii. The length of each time out shall be based on the age of the child and shall not exceed 1 minute per year of age.
- iv. For children over age six, a time out may be extended beyond 1 minute per year of age, if a signed and dated statement, including a maximum time limit, from the parent granting such permission, is on file at the center.

Finding:

1509-A.8.c iii. Based on interview: Staff S3 reported that C1 was observed on surveillance footage of 12/16/2016 being placed in time-out by S20 for approximately 12 minutes. C1 was placed in time-out from 1:24pm-1:36pm. C1 is 4 years old.

1903-C: Free of Hazards Not Met

1903-C: Indoor and outdoor areas shall be free of hazards.

Finding:

1903-C Based on observations: Specialist observed during Licensing inspection there were 10 5-gallon containers of paint, a container of paint thinner, a painting rod stick and paint tray left on the play yard while children were at play on the play yard. Provider corrected during the Licensing visit.