

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 observations at 9:00 AM, center staff failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: 8 children ages one through two-years old with 1 staff, S3. The required ratio for children of this age is 7 children per 1 staff person. S1 stated she is normally the second staff in this class; however, she had to run an errand this morning.

Corrective action Plan: Effective 1/13/2021, stated she will ensure staff moves one of the one-year-old children to the infant room, which has 4 children, when there is not a second staff present to ensure this deficiency is not cited again.

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 of this Section or when being provided services by therapeutic professionals, as defined in §103), 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 and interviews at 9:30 AM on 1/13/2021, children were not under supervision at all times as Specialist observed S3 left her class of 8 children ages one through two-years-old, unsupervised. S3 stated she stepped away from the class to use the restroom and adjust the thermostat. Specialist observed supervision was met prior to departure.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 1/13/2021, S1 stated she will complete a retraining with staff regarding supervision to ensure this deficiency is not cited again.

1807.B.: CCCBC-Based Determinations of Eligibility for Volunteers and Staff

Not Met

1807.B.: B. Volunteers and Staff. An early learning center shall obtain a CCCBC-based determination of eligibility for child care purposes from the department for each volunteer, staff member, or employee of any kind, and shall have documentation of said determination available at all times for inspection upon request by the Licensing Division.

Finding:

1807.B. Based on record review, interview and observations, a CCCBC-based determination of eligibility for child care purposes from the department was not obtained for each staff person prior to the person being present at the center or performing services. S1 stated S2 is not a staff member; however, upon arrival, Specialist was greeted by S2 who inquired who she was and the reason for being at the center. Specialist observed S2 supervising a child eating breakfast alone with no other staff present. Specialist also observed S2 walking throughout the center alone, freely.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 1/13/2021, S1 stated S2 will no longer interact as a staff member to ensure this deficiency is not cited again.

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1911.E.: Daily Reports for Infants

Not Met

1911.E.: Daily Reports for Infants. Written reports that include the liquid intake, food intake, disposition, bowel movements and eating and sleeping patterns shall be given to the parents of infants on a daily basis. Reports shall be kept current throughout the day.

Finding:

1911.E. Based on observations and interview at 9:15 AM on 1/13/2021, S5 lacked a daily written report for 1 of 1 infants present in the center. S1 stated she forgot to print the forms.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 1/13/2021, S1 stated she will ensure that she prints the form out in advance to ensure this deficiency is not recited.

1919.J.: Bottled Formula/Breast Milk Properly Labeled

Not Met

1919.J.: Bottled formula/breast milk for infants shall be labeled with the child's name.

Finding:

1919.J: Based on observations and interviews on 1/13/2021, at 9:15 AM, S5 failed to have all bottles of milk for infants labeled with the child's name. Specialist observed a bottle of milk on the feeding table failed to be labeled with the child's name. S5 stated sometimes, the names wash off as she washes the bottles.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 1/13/2021, S1 stated she will ensure that bottles are checked and relabeled as needed to ensure this deficiency is not cited again.
