

Statement of Deficiencies

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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.a.&b: Based on interviews and observations on 1/19/2021 at 9:30 AM, though the center has a Behavior Management Policy that prohibits physical/corporal punishment, S3 subjected C1, age two-years-old, to physical punishment on 1/4/21, at 4:26 PM. S3 hit C1 on the hand using a downward swiping motion with force in response to him fighting with another child. S3 was terminated.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 1/19/21, S1 stated staff have been reminded not to use any form of physical punishment with children to ensure this deficiency is not cited again.
