

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 and interviews: On February 3, 2020 at 2:15 PM, the Provider failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: 3 infants with no staff. The required ratio for children of this age is 5 children per 1 staff person. Specialist observed S5 return from the kitchen after having warmed bottles there. Specialist observed child to staff ratio was met prior to departure.

On February 4, 2020 at 9:30 AM, the Provider failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: 6 children ages 3 through 4 years old with no staff in the first classroom near the entrance of the center. The required ratio for children of this age is 14 children per 1 staff person. Specialist observed S2 standing in the doorway of the rear classroom. S2 indicated that she was supposed to be present with the children in this room. Specialist found that child to staff ratio was met prior to departure.

Corrective Action Plan: S1 stated that she has more than enough staff present and she will ensure that they remain with their assigned class. Staff should ask for assistance when they need something.

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: Based on observations and interviews: Children were not under supervision at all times as On February 3, 2020 at 2:15 PM, Specialist observed 3 infants unsupervised in the first infant room. Specialist observed S5 return to the classroom as the Specialist approached after having warmed the bottles in the kitchen. Specialist observed supervision was met prior to departure.

Specialist also found that children failed to be under supervision on February 4, 2020 at 9:30 AM. Specialist entered the facility and observed 6 children (3-4 years old) present in the first classroom with no staff present. Specialist observed S2 with her back turned to this class standing in the doorway of the rear classroom. These two classrooms are separated by an additional room. S2 indicated that she was the staff assigned to the 6 4 - 4 year old children. Specialist observed supervision was met prior to departure.

Corrective Action: S1 stated that she has enough staff present to meet supervision at all times. She stated staff will ask another staff not assigned to a classroom for assistance instead of leaving their class.

1903.C.: Free of Hazards

Not Met

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

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Finding:

1903.C. Based on observations: On February 3, 2020, the indoor area was not free of hazards as Specialist observed an infant sleeping in a bouncer that was placed inside of a crib. Specialist observed S5 correct prior to departure.

Corrective Action Plan: S1 spoke to staff during Specialist inspection. S1 stated that staff have been told not to place bouncers inside of a crib.

1911.B.&C.: Children - Toileting Accident and Assistance

Not Met

1911.B.&C.: Children shall be changed and cleaned immediately following a toileting accident. Staff shall respond promptly to a request from a child for toileting assistance.

Finding:

1911.B&C: Based on Interviews and record review: On 1/27/2020, center staff failed to change a child immediately following a toileting accident. S1 stated that C1 (age 2) wet himself while in S3's class prior to being picked up from care. S1 stated O1 contacted her after picking C1 up to complain that his pants were soaked from his pockets to his socks with urine. S1 stated that she did observe urine on the floor in the classroom after this conversation. S3 stated that she was unaware that C1 wet himself prior to leaving and would have changed him had she noticed.

Corrective Action Plan: S1 stated that she has advised staff to check children including those who are potty trained, to be sure they are not wet.
