

## 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 observation/interview: While completing a walk through of the center at 10:02am, Specialists observed S6 go into the infant room. When Specialists walked into the infant room at 10:03am, Specialists observed S3 and S6 caring for 11 children (6 infants and 5 one year old children). S3 was alone with 11 infant and one year old children before S6 went into the room. S7 came onto premises and went into the infant/one year old room at 10:09am. S6 left the infant/one year old room when S7 arrived. A third staff was needed in the infant/one year old room in order for ratio to be satisfied. S1 came onto premises at 10:18am. Specialists explained to S1 that the infant/one year old room was out of ratio. S1 went into the infant/one year old room to satisfy ratio at 10:20am. The required ratio for infants is five children per 1 staff person. S1 stated she "had to do something" before she came to the center and she did not know "S7 would be this late".

Corrective action: S1 stated S7 will now "work more hours" and will be in the infant/one year old room with S3 and S4 so that ratio is always met.

### 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 observation/interview: While conducting the walk through of the center at 10:02am, S4 did not know how the age or the number of children she was supervising because she is "usually in the infant room" and she had "this class because S2 was not here". S4 informed Specialist that she had "12 or 13" children, but she was not sure because she kept "jumping around". S4 was not sure of the age of the children. S1 later verified that the S4's class consisted of three, four and five year old children.

Corrective Action: S1 stated she will make certain that if a staff has to "cover a class that is not usually theirs", they count the children and always know the ages of the group that they supervise.

### 1907.A.1.&2.: High Chairs

**Not Met**

1907.A.1.&2.:

1. The high chair manufacturer's restraint device shall be used when children are sitting in a high chair.
2. Children who are either too small or too large to be restrained using the manufacturer's restraint device shall not be placed in a high chair.

#### Finding:

1907 A Based on observation:The high chair manufacturer's restraint device was not used when children are sitting in a high chair. At approximately 10:53am, Specialists observed a child in a high chair that did not have the proper required restraints for use. The high chair was removed from the

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classroom during the licensing visit.

Corrective Action: S1 stated staff will make sure that all children are properly restrained in high chairs when they use them. The high chair that does not have a strap was removed from the room and will not be used until it is repaired.

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### **1911.G.: Pacifier Attached**

**Not Met**

1911.G.: Pacifiers attached to strings or ribbons shall not be placed around the neck or attached to the clothing of a child.

#### **Finding:**

1911.G. Based on observations: At approximately 10:05am Specialists observed a pacifier that was attached by a clip and string to the clothing of a child.

Corrective Action: S1 stated staff "will either take the string off of the child when they come into the center or not clip the string to the child's clothes".

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