

Statement of Deficiencies

1717.A.: Independent Contractors Records

Not Met

1717.A.: Independent Contractors. The following information shall be maintained for all independent contractors, including but not limited to therapeutic professionals, extracurricular personnel, contracted transportation drivers, local school district staff, and departmental staff other than those responsible for inspecting centers:

1. an information form that includes the person's name, address and phone number
2. a list of duties performed while present at the center; and
3. documentation CCCBC-based determination of eligibility for child care purposes from the department or documentation of the adult staff member not otherwise counted in child to staff ratios that accompanied the contractor at all times while the contractor was at the center when children were present, to include the date, contractor arrival and departure time, language stating that the contractor was accompanied by the staff member at all times while at the center when children were present, and the signature of both the contractor and the accompanying staff member.

Finding:

1717.A. Based on record review: S6 did not have documentation of the adult staff member not otherwise counted in child to staff ratios that accompanied the contractor at all times while the contractor was at the center when children were present, to include the date, contractor arrival and departure time, language stating that the contractor was accompanied by the staff member at all times while at the center when children were present, and the signature of both the contractor and the accompanying staff member for O1 and O2.

1901.D.-F.: Sex Offenders

Not Met

- 1901.D.-F.: D. An early learning center shall register with the Louisiana State Police Sex Offender Registry at www.lsp.org to receive updates when a sex offender moves within two miles of the center.
- E. Centers shall not permit any individual convicted of a sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541 to have physical access to the center.
- F. The owner or director of an early learning center shall immediately notify law enforcement personnel and the department if they have knowledge that a registered sex offender is on the premises of the center. The verbal report shall be followed by a written report to the department within 24 hours.

Finding:

1901.D.-F. Based on record review/interview: S6 did not register with the Louisiana State Police Sex Offender Registry at www.lsp.org to receive updates when a sex offender moves within two miles of the center.

1901.G.&H.: Equipment

Not Met

- 1901.G.&H.: G. All equipment used by children shall be maintained in a clean and safe condition and in good repair.
- H. Moveable equipment shall be secured and supported so that it shall not fall or tip over.

Finding:

1901-G. Based on observation: All of the center equipment used by children was not maintained in a clean and safe condition. Specialist observed the gym equipment in the outdoor play area in need of cleaning. The plastic table set and play house is coated with dirt and mildew and in need of a washing. Also, the grass in the center's outdoor play area is in need of being cut. The center's grass is at least 12 inches in some areas.

1921.A.: Emergency Preparedness and Evacuation Planning

Not Met

1921.A.: Emergency and Evacuation Plan. The director shall consult with appropriate state and local authorities and shall establish and follow a written multi-hazard emergency and evacuation plan to protect children in the event of emergencies that at a minimum shall:

1. address any potential disaster related to the area in which the center is located;
2. include procedures for sheltering in place, lockdown and evacuation to a pre-determined site for potential threats to the safety, health and well-being of children in care;
3. include specific procedures for handling infants through two year olds, including food and formula;
4. include specific procedures for handling children with special needs, including the evacuation and transportation of children in wheelchairs;
5. include a system to account for all children;
6. include a system, and a back-up system, for contacting parents and authorized third party release caretakers;
7. include a system to reunite children and parents following an emergency;
8. include procedures for providing information about the emergency plan to parents at the time of enrollment and when changes occur;
9. be reviewed annually for accuracy and updated as changes occur; and
10. be reviewed with all staff at least once per year.
11. practice drills shall be conducted at least twice per year to include all children and shall be documented.

Finding:

1921.A. Based on record review: S6 failed to conduct and document practice drills at least twice per year.