

## 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: S1 failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: Infants and 1 year olds. Specialist observed 6 children ages 2mo-1 yr old with S4 as the ratio requirements for this age group is 5 children per 1 staff. 2 staff should be present to meet ratio for this age group. Specialist also observed 9 children ages 1- 2 year old with staff, S3 as the required ratio for children age 1 is 7 children per 1 staff. 2 staff should be present to meet ratio. 1 year old children are excluded from averaging.

### 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), 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: Supervision: Based on Observations: Children were not under supervision at all times as specialist observed 2 children walk around the corner of the brick wall into the building from the playground into the center. As S3 was still retrieving 7 1-2 year olds from playground. The 2 children were out of the view of S3. S1 stated that 1 year olds wander and the center allows the students to walk along while others students are being retrieved. S1 also stated that S3 is normally at the end of the line while children are walking into the center.

### 1903-C: Free of Hazards

Not Met

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

#### Finding:

The indoor and outdoor area were not free of hazards as specialist observed 2 electrical outlets visible in 2 year old classroom without socket covers which can cause a child to stick their fingers in outlet and be harmed.

### 1907-E.2: Cribs Free of Toys and Other Soft or Loose Bedding

Not Met

1907-E.2: Cribs shall be free of toys and other soft or loose bedding, including comforters, blankets, sheets, bumper pads, pillows, stuffed animals and wedges when the child is in the crib.

#### Finding:

1907-E.2 Based on observations:

The center's cribs were not free of toys or other soft or loose bedding while the child was in the crib as evidence by specialist observed 2 children in

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individual cribs with toys attached to the pacifier and blankets only placed over the children. S4 stated that she did not know that their could be not toys or loose bedding in cribs. S1 stated the parents informed the center of what they want and the center does what the parents want.

### 1909-C: Infants - Positioning Devices

Not Met

1909-C: Infants shall not be placed in positioning devices, unless the center has written authorization from a physician to use a positioning device.

#### Finding:

1909-C Based on observations: Specialist observed 2 infants each lying in a separate crib with a raised mattress that had a boppy pillow positioned under the raised area. Specialist was informed by S5 that there was no documentation from physician to warrant the position of the crib mattress. S1 stated that she would contact each parent to obtain the proper documentation from physician. S1 also stated that one of the infants has sleep apnea and should sleep in a boucer chair and will obtain proper documentation from parent.

### 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: Specialist observed A pacifier that was attached to strings or ribbons attached to the clothing of a child. S1 stated that they will remove it before child goes to sleep.

### 1919-A&B: Food Service and Nutrition - Menu

Not Met

1919-A&B: All meals and snacks provided by the center, and their preparation, service and storage, shall meet the requirements for meals of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and 7 C.F.R. 226.20 and the Louisiana Sanitary Code, Title 51, Part XXIII, found at LAC 51:XXXIII. For the current CACFP meal patterns, contact the Louisiana Department of Education, Division of Nutrition Support.

The weekly menu shall:

1. be planned for each day of the week and list the specific food items served;
2. be prominently posted by the first day of each week and remain <b>posted</b> throughout the week; and
3. have substitutions or additions posted on or near the menu.

#### Finding:

1919-A&B: Food service and Nutrition: S1 failed to meet the requirements specified under the Child Care Food Program of the United States Department of Agriculture. As specialist observed S1 cutting a slice of pizza in half with red handles scissors that S1 stated that she ran through the dishwasher and serving it to the children ages 1-2 year olds for lunch. Specialist asked S1 if pizza was the only serving the children would receive for lunch. S1 then open a can of peas, poured them in a pot and placed them on the stove to heat. S3 grab a can of peaches and gave 3 children a tablespoon on their plate and 6 kids where given a table spoon of applesauce. Specialist did not observe any children receive anything to drink. The children had completed their servings of Pizza and applesauce before the peas where served.