

Statement of Deficiencies

1501-A: Operations

Not Met

1501-A: A center shall operate within the licensed capacity, age range, hours of operation and other specific services designated on its license.

Finding:

1501-A Based on observations/record review/interview(s): The Director did not notify the Licensing Section prior to making changes that had an effect on the license as 51 children were observed present and the center has a licensed capacity of 50. S1 stated that a child that is not normally scheduled to attend was present today. S1 stated she will ensure that capacity is not exceeded in the future.

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 interview: The Provider failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: 32 children ages 1 through 4 with 2 staff. In order to meet child to staff ratio, there should have been 3 staff present with this group of children. Specialist arrived at the center and observed S6 and S11 on the play yard with 31 children (7 one year olds, 11 two year olds, 4 three year olds, and 9 four year olds). S11 stated that S4 was previously on the play yard; however, she entered the center when a child felt ill. S1 and S2 arrived at about 9:30 AM and the ratio was met in the center. S1 and S11 each stated that there were 2 call ins on today which affected the center. Specialist also observed a 5 year old child in classroom #6 with no staff present. In order to meet child to staff ratio, there should have been at least one staff present.

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- Based on observations and interview: Children were not under supervision at all times as Specialist observed a 5 year old child alone in classroom #6 with no supervision. Specialist arrived at the center and knocked at the front door. After no staff opened the door, Specialist walked to the window into classroom #6 (the center's office is located at this classroom) and looked inside. Specialist observed a 5 year old female child alone seated along the right wall. Specialist did not see any staff member present or in a location where the child could be seen. Specialist observed S4 enter the classroom and lead the child out of the classroom. Specialist entered the center and was advised by S11, that the child was not feeling well and was separated from the class. S1 stated that S4 was inside of the center's kitchen during this time. Specialist found that supervision was met prior to departure.