Helping Hands Learning Center
219 E. Lastie st.
Erath, LA 70533

Date -   03/01/2021
License # -   16207
Action Code - 25 - COMPLIANCE

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.&D.&G. Child to Staff Ratio: Based on observation at 9:04am, S1 failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: 19 children age 3-5 years old with 1 staff. The required ratio for children of this age is 15 children per 1 staff person. S1 stated that S4 had left to go to the bank. Staff daily attendance records showed that S4 signed out of the center at 9:00am. S4 returned to the center at 9:07am and ratio in the room was corrected. S4 stated she went to the grocery store to get more corn dogs for todays lunch. S4 stated the next time something like this happens, they will move children to the other classroom to meet ratio so that one teacher can leave.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 03/01/20201, S4 stated she will move kids to the second classroom temporarily to ensure this deficiency is not recited.