

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 |
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| 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: The required child to staff ratio was not met for children of the following ages: 10 children age 1 year to 3 years with 1 staff. The required ratio for children of this age is 7 children per 1 staff. The Specialist arrived at 8:45 am and found S1 with 10 children. The children ages were: 2-1 year old; 5-2 year old; and 3-3 year old. S2 arrived at 8:56 am and the child/staff ratio was corrected. S3 arrived at 9:00 am.

There shall be a minimum of two staff members present at an early learning center when more than one child is present. Based upon record review and observation, there was not two staff members present in the center when more than one child was present. According to the children's daily attendance for 3/2/18, two children arrived at 7:00 am and only one staff was present. The Specialist observed one staff with 10 children at 8:45. A second staff member arrived at 8:56 am

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;
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: There was no documentation of a written multi-hazard emergency and evacuation plan to protect children in the event of emergencies that addresses the following: any potential disaster related to the area in which the center is located, 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, include specific procedures for handling infants through two year olds, specific procedures for handling children with special needs, including the evacuation and transportation of children in wheelchairs. There was no documentation of a system in place for: to account for all children, a system, and a back-up system, for contacting parents and authorized third party release caretakers, a system to reunite children and parents following an emergency.