

Statement of Deficiencies

713.A: Office of Public Health, State Fire, City Fire, Office of Early Childhood approval

Not Met

713.A: Current approvals by the Office of Public Health, Office of State Fire Marshal, City Fire (if applicable), Office of Early Childhood and the Licensing Division shall be required before the expiration of an existing license.

Finding:

713.A Based on record review: The Provider lacked documentation of a current annual inspection and approval from Office of Public Health and State Fire Marshal. The date of the last approval for State Fire Marshal is 2/18/16 with a July anniversary. The date of the last approval for Office of Public Health is 9/28/15.

1503-A-C: General Liability Insurance Policy

Not Met

1503-A-C: A. A center shall maintain in force at all times current commercial liability insurance for the operation of the center to ensure medical coverage for children in the event of accident or injury.

B. A center is responsible for payment of medical expenses of a child injured while in the center's care.

C. Documentation of commercial liability insurance shall consist of the insurance policy or current binder that includes the name of the early learning center, physical address of the center, name of the insurance company, policy number, period of coverage and explanation of the coverage.

Finding:

1503-A-C Based on record review:

The Provider lacked required documentation of current commercial liability insurance for the operation of the center to ensure medical coverage for children in the event of accident or injury. The provider did not have documentation of the current years insurance papers in the center for Specialist to review. Provider tried to get the documentation of the current policy sent to her but was not able to before the inspection ended.

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: The Provider failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: 9 Infants to 3 years old with 1 staff. The required ratio for children of this age is 5 children per 1 staff person. When Specialist arrived at 9:00am it was observed that S1 was with 7 children ages Infant to 3 years old while S2 was in the kitchen. S2 continued to go in and out of the room into the kitchen leaving S1 alone with the children. At 9:44am, 2 additional children arrived ages infant and 3 year old. S2 continued to go into the kitchen to prepare lunch leaving S1 with 9 children ages Infant to 3 years old. 2 staff would have been required to be in the room at all times for ratio to have been met.

1715-A.4: Criminal Background Check

Not Met

1715-A.4: Personnel files for each staff member shall be maintained at the center and shall include the following:
documentation of a fingerprint based satisfactory criminal background check

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1715-A.4 Based on record review: S4 provided a copy of their certified criminal background check (RTR), however, the provider failed to obtain a new satisfactory criminal background check from the Louisiana State Police for this staff prior to the one year date of issuance of the previous certified criminal background check in order for the individual to continue employment at the center (1703.E). The criminal background check on file for S4 expired on 1/22/17 and a new criminal background check was not obtained until 2/20/17. S4 was present in the licensed child care facility on 1/24/17, 1/25/17, 1/31/17, 2/1/17, 2/7/17, 2/8/17, 2/15/17, and 2/17/17 without a valid criminal background check.

1715-A.5: State Central Registry

Not Met

1715-A.5: Personnel files for each staff member shall be maintained at the center and shall include the following: documentation of a current, completed state central registry disclosure form indicating no justified (valid) finding of abuse or neglect by the DCFS, or a current determination from the DCFS indicating that the individual does not pose a risk to children.

Finding:

1715-A.5 Based on record review: Provider failed to have documentation of a completed state central registry disclosure form (SCR 1) on site and available for review at the center prior to a previously completed form expiring (1705.B). 1 of 4 staff, S4 failed to have documentation of the completed form. S4's SCR1 expired on 1/4/17. S4 has worked in the center since the form expired.

1901-G.&H.: Equipment

Not Met

1901-G.&H.: All equipment used by children shall be maintained in a clean and safe condition and in good repair. 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 safe condition and in good repair. Specialist observed on the play yard toys that were broken and needing repair. The center had an infant swing with missing safety straps and a plastic slide was broken in several spots and in need of repair.

1903-C: Free of Hazards

Not Met

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

Finding:

1903-C Based on observations:

The indoor and outdoor area were not free of hazards as Specialist observed on the play yard several pieces of wood and lattice work laying on the ground where children playing could get hurt. Specialist also observed a utility sink with a broken metal leg laying next to it as well as a metal rod loose on the ground behind the sink. Specialist observed loose and rusty nails sticking out of wooden barriers for the swings that children could step on or cut themselves on. On the side of the house, still in the play yard, Specialist observed a trashcan full of water and branches/sticks hanging out that could hurt children playing; a board on the steps that had fallen and was blocking an entrance; as well as electrical wires and cables that were accessible to the children.