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Statement of Deficiencies

7306-F: Discipline Not Met

7306-F: The provider shall establish a policy in regard to methods of discipline. Any form of punishment that violates the spirit of this standard of discipline, even though it may not be specifically mentioned as forbidden, is prohibited. This written posted policy shall clearly state ALL types of positive discipline that are used and that the following methods of discipline are prohibited:

- No child shall be subject to physical punishment, corporal punishment, verbal abuse or threats.
- Cruel, severe, unusual, or unnecessary punishment shall not be inflicted upon children.
- Derogatory remarks shall not be made in the presence of children about family members of children in care or about the children themselves
- No child or group of children shall be allowed to discipline another child.
- When a child is removed from the group for disciplinary reasons, he shall never be out of sight of a staff member.
- No child shall be deprived of meals or snacks or any part thereof for disciplinary reasons.

Finding:

7306-F Based on record review/interviews, the provider used an inappropriate method of discipline. Statements obtained from staff indicated that on 2/12/15 at approximately 9:30 AM, S1 grabbed C1 by the arm to pull him away from another child that was going to bite C1. When S1 grabbed C1, it left two fingernail marks on C1's right upper arm that were observed later in the day by C1's parent at approximately 2:55 PM. The provider sent S1 home immediately after S1 indicated what she had done and terminated her effective 2/12/15.