

Statement of Deficiencies

1509.A.9.: Electronic Devices Policy

Not Met

1509.A.9.: Electronic Devices Policy that provides that all activities involving electronic devices, including but not limited to television, movies, games, videos, computers and hand held electronic devices, shall adhere to the following limitations:

- a. electronic device activities for children under age two are prohibited; and
- b. time allowed for electronic device activities for children ages two and above shall not exceed two hours per day, with the exception that television, DVD, or video viewing shall be limited to no more than one hour per day;

Finding:

1509.A.9. Based on observations at 3:30pm: Though the center has an Electronic Devices Policy, S1 and S2 failed to follow the policy as Electronic Devices were used by children under age 2. Specialist observed 23 children, ages, one through four- year-olds watching television. S2 removed 6, one-year-old children to another classroom when Specialist entered the building at 3:30pm.

Corrective Action Plan: S1, Staff in Charge, was unable to provide corrective action plan prior to Specialist departure. Specialist advised that children under age two are prohibited from using electronic devices.

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.B. Based on observations at 3:30pm: The provider failed to meet child to staff ratios at all times as, Specialist observed S1 supervising 17 children, ages, two through four-year- olds alone for 10 consecutive minutes. S3 arrived to center at 3:40pm.

Corrective Action Plan: S1, Staff in Charge, was unable to provide corrective action plan prior to Specialist departure. Specialist advised that child to staff ratio should be met at all times.

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 of this Section or when being provided services by therapeutic professionals, as defined in §103), 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.B. Based on observations at 3:57pm: S2 failed to provide supervision. Specialist observed, S2 leave 6 one-year-olds, in back classroom for approximately one minute while she came to front classroom to talk to S1.

Corrective Action Plan: S1, Staff in Charge, was unable to provide corrective action plan prior to Specialist departure. Specialist advised that children should never be left alone.

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1719.A.&B.: Orientation Training

Not Met

1719.A.&B.: A. Within seven calendar days of the first day present at the center, and prior to assuming sole responsibility for any children, each staff member shall receive orientation to the policies and practices of the center that at a minimum shall include:

1. child abuse identification and reporting;
2. emergency preparation;
3. licensing regulations; and
4. safe sleep practices.

B. Within 30 calendar days of date of hire, each staff member shall receive orientation to the additional policies and practices of the center that at a minimum shall include:

1. child development;
2. child guidance;
3. learning activities;
4. health and safety;
5. shaken baby prevention; and
6. CPR and first aid, as applicable.

Finding:

1719.A.&B: Based on Observation/Record Review at 4:00pm: The Provider failed to have orientation documentation for 1 of 4 staff, S4, within seven calendar days of the first day present at the center, and prior to assuming sole responsibility for any children received orientation to the policies and practices of the center. Specialist observed S4 assuming sole responsibility of 5 children, age, one-year-old.

Corrective Action Plan: S1, Staff in Charge, was unable to provide corrective action plan prior to Specialist departure. Specialist advised that prior to assuming sole responsibility for any children, all staff must receive orientation to the polices and practices of the center.
