

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.&B. Child to Staff Ratio. Based on record/review: On 3/21/19 center staff did not have a minimum of 2 child care staff present at the center when more than one child was present as one staff was supervising 7 children ages 1 and 3 years (two 1 year olds, five 3 year olds). Specialist reviewed the center's staff and children's sign-in logs and found that S1 was the only staff present until 7:30am when S2 arrived. Prior to 7:30am there were 7 children present in the center.

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), 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.A.&B. Supervision. Based on observation: On 3/21/19 Specialist observed that children were not under supervision at all times as S2 left 13 children (four 1 year olds, nine 2-3 year olds) unsupervised during nap-time when she went into the kitchen and closed the door. Specialist advised S1 that the children should be supervised at all times. S1 advised S2 to join her class immediately. Specialist observed that supervision was met before leaving the center.

1807.C.: CCCBC-Based Determinations of Eligibility for Visitors and Contractors

Not Met

1807.C.: C. An early learning center shall obtain a CCCBC-based determination of eligibility for child care purposes from the department for each visitor or independent contractor of any kind, and shall have documentation of said determination available at all times for inspection upon request by the licensing division, unless the visitor or independent contractor, other than therapeutic professionals as defined in §103, will be accompanied at all times while at the center when children are present, by an adult staff member who is not being counted in child-to-staff ratios. The center shall have documentation of said determination of eligibility, or documentation of the accompanying staff member, available at all times for inspection upon request by the Licensing Division.

Finding:

1807.C. Based on record review/interview: A CCCBC-based determination of eligibility for child care purposes from the department was not obtained for each independent contractor, prior to the person being present at the center or performing services as evidenced by: O1 and O2 were signed in on the center's log, however there was no documentation of an eligible CCCBC on the date of their visit. The Center did not have documentation of the paid, adult staff member not otherwise counted in child to staff ratios who accompanied the independent contractor at all times while on the center premises. Documentation did not include the language stating that they were accompanied by the staff member at all times while on the premises or signature of the staff member. Specialist found that O1 and O2 were not on the center's CCCBC dashboard, though S1 did provide a print-out of a CCCBC for O1 dated for 6/11/18. However, there was no documentation of continued eligibility for O1 on 1/7/19.

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1901.M.: Strings and Cords

Not Met

1901.M.: Strings and cords, including but not limited to those found on equipment, window coverings, televisions and radios, shall be inaccessible to children under age 4.

Finding:

1901.M. Strings and Cords. Based on observations: On 3/21/19 Specialist observed that strings and cords were accessible to children under age 4 as cords were observed hanging from a laptop on a rolling cart. The cord to 2 baby swings in the room housing the cribs was also unplugged and left accessible to children.

1903.C.: Free of Hazards

Not Met

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

Finding:

1903.C. Free of Hazards. Based on observations: On 3/21/19 Specialist observed that the indoor area was not free of hazards as the kitchen door latch was taped preventing the door from latching and remaining closed. Specialist entered the kitchen and observed that the front left eye of the stove was on and hot. Since the door was not able to latch and remain shut, it made the kitchen area and hot stove accessible to children.

1907.A.1.&2.: High Chairs

Not Met

1907.A.1.&2.:

1. The high chair manufacturer's restraint device shall be used when children are sitting in a high chair.
2. Children who are either too small or too large to be restrained using the manufacturer's restraint device shall not be placed in a high chair.

Finding:

1907.A.1. High Chairs. Based on observations: On 3/21/19 Specialist observed during lunch time that the high chair manufacturer's restraint device was not used when 5 out of 5 children were sitting in a high chair.

1911.K.: Hand Washing

Not Met

1911.K.: Staff and children shall wash their hands using soap at least at the following times: upon arrival at the center, before preparing or serving meals, before giving medication, after playing in water used by more than one person, after toileting, after helping a child use a toilet or changing diapers, after wiping noses or cleaning wounds, after handling pets and other animals, after playing in sandboxes, before eating meals or snacks, upon coming in from outdoors, after cleaning or handling garbage and anytime hands become soiled with body fluids, such as urine, saliva, blood or nasal discharge.

Finding:

1911.K. Hand Washing. Based on observations: On 3/21/19 Specialist observed that S2 did not wash their hands with soap and water as needed in between diaper changes.

1919.D.2.: Food Service and Nutrition - Choking Hazards

Not Met

1919.D.2.: Children under age 4 shall not have foods that are implicated in choking incidents. Examples of these foods include but are not limited to: whole hot dogs, hot dogs sliced in rounds, raw carrot rounds, whole grapes, hard candy, nuts, seeds, raw peas, hard pretzels, chips, peanuts, popcorn, marshmallows, spoonful of peanut butter, and chunks of meat larger than what can be swallowed whole.

Finding:

1919.D.2. Food Service and Nutrition - Choking Hazards. Based on observations: On 3/21/19 Specialist observed during lunch time children under age 4 being served whole meatballs which are implicated as choking hazards. Specialist informed S1 that foods that are choking hazards need to be cut into bite-sized pieces for children under age 4.