

## 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: Based on observations: The Provider failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: There were 46 children present in the 4yr old class with three staff present; S9, S10 and S11. The required ratio for children of this age is 15 children per 1 staff person.

### 1901-J.&K.: Items That Can be Harmful to Children

Not Met

1901-J.&K.: Items that can be harmful to children, such as medications, poisons, cleaning supplies and chemicals, and equipment, tools, knives and other potentially dangerous utensils, shall be kept in a locked cabinet or other secure place that ensures they are inaccessible to children. Plastic bags, when not in use, regardless of purpose or use, shall be made inaccessible to children.

#### Finding:

1901- J & K: Based on observation: Items that can be harmful to children, such as cleaning supplies and chemicals, Lysol wipes and Lysol Spray were not kept in a locked cabinet or other secure place that ensures they are inaccessible to children. During the walk through of the center, specialists observed classrooms and bathrooms that did not ensure that all cleaning and chemical supplies were locked and made inaccessible to the children in their care. Lysol spray and Lysol wipes were noticed on the tables and counters in the classrooms, and on the back of the toilets in the restrooms.

### 1909-C: Infants - Positioning Devices

Not Met

1909-C: Infants shall not be placed in positioning devices, unless the center has written authorization from a physician to use a positioning device.

#### Finding:

1909-C Based on observations: Specialist observed during the walk through of the center 6 infants in the infant room with S7 and S8, sleeping in positioning devices; swings. Specialist informed center staff S19 that babies could only sleep in position devices if authorized by a physician. S19 stated that she was unaware but would make the appropriate adjustments.

### 1909-G: Infant - Bibs

Not Met

1909-G: Bibs shall not be worn by any child while asleep.

#### Finding:

1909-G Based on observations: Specialist observed during the walk through 6 infants sleeping with bibs. S8 and S9 were the staff present in the room at the time this was observed. Specialist then explained to S19 that this was not allowed and she stated that they would make the appropriate adjustments.

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### **2101-A.15: Transportation - Contract to Provide Transportation**

**Not Met**

2101-A.15: Centers using contract transportation shall maintain a copy of the written contract that includes an express provision stating that the contractor shall comply with all state laws and regulations, as amended, regarding motor vehicles, including but not limited to seat belts and child restraints.

#### **Finding:**

2101-A.15 Based on record review: Center failed to maintain a copy of the written contract that includes an express provision stating that the contractor shall comply with all state laws and regulations, as amended, regarding motor vehicles, including but not limited to seat belts and child restraints.

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