

## Statement of Deficiencies

### 1507-A: Daily Attendance Records - Children

Not Met

1507-A: A daily attendance record for children shall be maintained that shall:

1. include the child's first and last name, arrival and departure times, and first and last name of person or entity to whom the child is released;
2. accurately reflect children on the center premises at any given time; and
3. be used to sign in and out if a child leaves and returns to the center during the day.

#### Finding:

1507-A Based on record review on 3/26/18, the center's daily attendance record for children did not accurately reflect the children on the child care premises at any given time. Specialist counted a total of 41 children prior to 10:00 am. The center sign in sheet dated 3/26/18 had a total of 43 children signed in prior to 10:00 am. Specialist also noted that 3 children on the sign-in sheet did not have an arrival time but had the word "here" documented. S1 stated that they just put here on the sign in sheet when a parent failed to sign their child in because they may not know the exact time the child entered the center.

### 1509-A.8. a-b: Behavior Management Policy

Not Met

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Each center shall develop and implement a written behavior management policy describing the methods of behavior guidance and management that shall be used at the center.

The behavior management policy shall prohibit children from being subject to any of the following:

- i. physical or corporal punishment which includes but is not limited to yelling, slapping, spanking, yanking, shaking, pinching, exposure to extreme temperatures or other measures producing physical pain, putting anything in the mouth of a child, requiring a child to exercise, or placing a child in an uncomfortable position.
- ii. verbal abuse, which includes but is not limited to using offensive or profane language, telling a child to "shut up", or making derogatory remarks about children or family members of children in the presence of children;
- iii. the threat of a prohibited action even if there is no intent to follow through with the threat;
- iv. being disciplined by another child;
- v. being bullied by another child;
- vi. being deprived of food or beverages;
- vii. being restrained by devices such as high chairs or feeding tables for disciplinary purposes; and
- viii. having active play time withheld for disciplinary purposes, except timeout may be used during active play time for an infraction incurred during the playtime.

#### Finding:

1509-A.8. a-b Based on record review/interview on 3/26/18, S1 had a behavior management that stated all the methods of discipline that are prohibited but failed to include the methods of discipline that will be used.

### 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.

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**Finding:**

1711-B.1&2 Based on observation on 3/26/18, the child to staff ratio was not met. Specialist and S1 entered S3 and S4's classroom at 9:33 am and noted that S3 was left in the classroom to supervise 6 children alone while S4 took 1 ( 8 month old) to change her diaper in the nursery bathroom which is located outside of the classroom. The children S3 was left alone with were the following ages: 1 (6 month old), 1 (8 month old), 1(9 month old), and 3 ( 1 year olds). S3 could only supervise 5 of the children alone. At 9:33 am, S3 was over ratio by 1 child. S4 returned to the classroom and the ratio was corrected.

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**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 Based on observation on 3/26/18, Specialist and S1 entered S3 and S4's classroom. S3 was observed sitting at a computer. Specialist noted that there was a blue divider up in the classroom. Specialist looked around the divider and noted that 6 children were in the room alone. 5 of the children were awake in their crib and 1 child was awake in a swing. The children were the following ages: 1(6month old), 1(8 month old), 1 (9 month old) and 3 (1 year olds). S3 could not see any of the children from where she was seated. S4 was not in the classroom at the time because she had taken 1(8 month old ) to change her diaper in the nursery restroom. S3 stated that there is usually 3 staff in the classroom because the teachers have to change diapers out of the classroom but the additional who works in that room was not here on today. S4 entered the classroom prior to Specialist and S1 departure.

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**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-H: Based on observation on 3/26/18, moveable equipment was not secured and supported so that it will not fall or tip over as Specialist observed a free standing white floor fan in S7 and S8's classroom. Specialist also noted that there was a small white fan that was sitting on top of the cubicle in S7 and S8's classroom that could fall down onto the children. S1 removed the fans. Specialist noted in S9 and S10's classroom that there was a desk top computer with a monitor that was sitting on top of a clear plastic 3 drawer storage container. The computer was in reaching distance of the children. Specialist also noted that there was an open first aid kit on the floor. The first aid kit contained scissors and a cold compress pack(label stated to keep out of reach of children). The kit was in reaching distance of the children. S1 took the computer off of the storage bin and removed the first aid kit. Specialist noted a desk top computer on a small table in S11's classroom. The computer was in reaching distance of the children. S11's computer was not moved. Specialist noted that none of the computers were secured or supported so that they would not fall or tip over.

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**1903-C: Free of Hazards**

**Not Met**

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

**Finding:**

1903-C Based on observations on 3/26/18 the outdoor area was not free of hazards and Specialist and S1 observed 2 bags of professional mulch near the post of the swing. It appeared as if the mulch was being used to try to hold the swing post into the ground because the swing was not sturdy. S1 stated that she was not sure why the bags of mulch were in that area on the playground. The mulch posed a tripping hazard to the children and staff while out on the playground. Specialist noted that there was an active ant pile under the bags of mulch. Specialist noted that there is a wood and metal airplane that was missing the rubber stopper to keep the children from having access to the metal on the handle bars. The airplane had a yellow steering area that had broken plastic. Specialist noted that the blue roof of a little tikes playhouse that was brown, beige, and burgundy had cracked plastic. Specialist noted that there is a metal pipe sticking out of the wall of the building, that has jagged metal. The children could be harmed if they fall onto the pipe. These issues were not fixed prior to Specialist departure.