

Statement of Deficiencies

1903-D.5: Room Capacity

Not Met

1903-D.5: The number of children using a room shall be based on the 35 square feet per child requirement, except for dining, sleeping, and other non-routine activities such as film viewing and parties.

Finding:

1903-D.5 Based on observations/record review/interview(s): The number of children using a room was exceeded based on the 35 square feet per child requirement. Specialist observed 12 children in a classroom #4 which can accommodate 4 children. S2 stated that these children were all in this classroom awaiting lunch to be served. S2 stated that these children usually use both classroom #3 and #4. Specialist observed that the door to classroom #3 was closed and locked and the light was off. Specialist advised S2 that the capacity for classroom #3 is 5 children. Specialist advised S1 and S2 that the combined capacity of room #3 and #4 would be 9 and therefore still exceeded by the 12 children present using this space.

Specialist also observed that when lunch was served, the 4 children in classroom # 1 were combined with the 3 children present in classroom #2. Specialist found that classroom #2 has a capacity of 4. Specialist advised S1 and S2 that the room capacity was exceeded and reminded them that children must have 35 square feet of space to meet the room capacity. Specialist observed that these 4 children were moved back to classroom #1 prior to Specialist departure.

1909-A: Safe Sleep Practices

Not Met

1909-A: Only one infant shall be placed in a crib.

Finding:

1909-A Based on interview(s)/observations: The Provider did not have a crib available for each infant as Specialist observed 7 infants present in the center and only 4 cribs available. S1 stated that some of the infants sleep on cots. Specialist advised S1 that each infant must have an individual crib to sleep in.

1919-A&B: Food Service and Nutrition - Menu

Not Met

1919-A&B: All meals and snacks provided by the center, and their preparation, service and storage, shall meet the requirements for meals of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and 7 C.F.R. 226.20 and the Louisiana Sanitary Code, Title 51, Part XXIII, found at LAC 51:XXXIII. For the current CACFP meal patterns, contact the Louisiana Department of Education, Division of Nutrition Support.

The weekly menu shall:

1. be planned for each day of the week and list the specific food items served;
2. be prominently posted by the first day of each week and remain posted throughout the week; and
3. have substitutions or additions posted on or near the menu.

Finding:

1919-A&B: Based on record review, interview and observations: Menu substitutions or additions were not posted on or near the menus as Specialist observed that the posted menu documented that ham, French carrots, bananas and milk was to be served; however, Specialist observed that baked chicken, macaroni and cheese and an apple-slice was served.

The Center's meals, as specified under the Child Care Food Program of the United States Department of Agriculture, were not provided as the center failed to serve a vegetable, milk or grain item that meets the requirements with lunch. Specialist observed that the children were served water instead of milk. Specialist also observed that the fruit portion did not meet the requirement of at least 1/4 cup being served to children ages 3 through 5 as children were served one apple-slice. S2 stated that the menu was altered due to this week being a holiday week.