

Statement of Deficiencies

1709-B.1-6: Director Qualifications

Not Met

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Finding:

The Center did not have documentation that S16 qualified as Director.

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:

Based on interviews, the Provider failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: 1-2 years old. Eight children ages 1-2 (6, 2-years old, and 2 1-year-old) were with one staff for at least one minute on 4/5/16, as evidenced by S1 leaving a class room to walk with the 8 children to the facility's gymnasium at about 2:30pm. The required ratio for children of this age is 7 children per 1 staff person.

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:

Based on interviews, children were not under supervision at all times on 4/5/16, as evidenced by at least 3 children running ahead and out of S1's sight when S1 was taking 8 children (ages 1-2 years old) to the facility's gymnasium. Two staff happened to see three of the children enter the gymnasium, without S1. As a result, a two year old child went, unnoticed, into the center's gymnasium's closet, A staff heard him crying and let him out of the closet. Based on interviews, the child was in the closet for less than a minute.