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&DG: Based on interview/record review on 04/08/2019, S1 and S2 failed to meet child to staff ratios at all times as evidenced by per S1's statement she supervised 21 children ages 2 years old - 5 years old for forty-five minutes to an hour alone while S2 prepared lunch. Per the staff daily attendance log dated 04/08/2019, S1 and S2 were the only staff present during lunch time. The ratio for the mixed age groups is 14:1 and the provider needed one additional staff to meet ratio. S1 also stated that the director had a stroke this morning before arriving to the center and this was the reason for not having enough staff.