

Statement of Deficiencies

1509.A.8.a.&b.: Behavior Management Policy

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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.A9.a&b. Based on interviews/record review on 04/10/19, on 03/21/19 C1 was bitten 6 times by C2 while S2 was present. Per S1, S2 stated that she didn't separate the children sooner because she wanted to make sure that the child she was changing was clean, as his mother would have been upset if she walked in and he was dirty. Based on review of the center's internal Behavioral Management Policy/Biting Policy, when a child is bit the biter should be removed from the scene and sat down. S2 never moved the biter from the scene.
