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1509-A.9: Electronic Devices Policy

Not Met

1509-A.9: Electronic Devices Policy that provides that all activities involving electronic devices, including but not limited to television, movies, games, videos, computers and hand held electronic devices, shall adhere to the following limitations:

- a. Electronic device activities for children under age two are prohibited; and
- b. Time allowed for electronic device activities for children ages 2 and above shall not exceed 2 hours per day.

Finding:

1509-A.9 Based on observations: The provider did not have a written electronic devices policy.

1509-A.10: Computer Practices Policy

Not Met

1509-A.10: Computer Practices Policy that requires computers that allow internet access by children to be equipped with monitoring or filtering software that limits access by children to inappropriate web sites, e-mail, and instant messaging.

Finding:

1509-A.10 Based on observations: The provider did not have a written computer practice policy.

1509-A.11: Programs, Movies and Video Games Policy

Not Met

1509-A.11: Programs, Movies and Video Games Policy

- a. Programs, movies, and video games with violent or adult content, including but not limited to soap operas, television news, and sports programs aimed at audiences other than children, shall not be permitted in the presence of children.
- All television, video, DVD, or other programming shall be suitable for the youngest child present.
- c. "PG" programming or its television equivalent shall not be shown to children under age 5.
- d. "PG" programming shall only be viewed by children age 5 and above and shall require written parental authorization.
- e. Any programming with a rating more restrictive than "PG" is prohibited.
- f. All video games shall be suitable for the youngest child with access to the games.
 - i. "E10+" rated games shall be permitted for children ages 10 years and older.
 - ii. "T" and "M" rated games are prohibited.

Finding:

1509-A.11 Based on observations: The provider did not have a written programs and movies policy.

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	
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- 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
- 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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NEW 1711-A-B-D-G Based on observations: The Provider failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: 9 children ages 1 year to 2 years old with 1 staff at approximately 3:07pm. The required ratio for children of this age is 7 children per 1 staff person. Corrected during the licensing inspection as two children age two years old was moved to another group to meet the ratio.

1725-A.-D.: Medication Management Training

Not Met

- 1725-A.-D.: A. All staff members who administer medication shall have medication administration training.
- B. Whether administering medication or not, each early learning center shall have at least two staff members trained in medication administration.
- C. Such training shall be completed every two years with an approved Child Care Health Consultant.
- D. A licensed practical nurse (LPN) or registered nurse (RN) with a valid nursing license shall be considered to have medication administration training.

Finding:

1725-A.-D. Based on record review: The provider did not have documentation of at least two staff members trained in medication administration whether administering medication or not.

1921-A: Emergency Preparedness and Evacuation Planning

Not Met

1921-A: Emergency and Evacuation Plan. The director shall consult with appropriate state and local authorities and shall establish and follow a written multi-hazard emergency and evacuation plan to protect children in the event of emergencies that at a minimum shall:

- 1. address any potential disaster related to the area in which the center is located;
- 2. include procedures for sheltering in place, lockdown and evacuation to a pre-determined site for potential threats to the safety, health and well-being of children in care;
- 3. include specific procedures for handling infants through two year olds;
- 4. include specific procedures for handling children with special needs, including the evacuation and transportation of children in wheelchairs;
- 5. include a system to account for all children;
- 6. include a system, and a back-up system, for contacting parents and authorized third party release caretakers;
- 7. include a system to reunite children and parents following an emergency:
- 8. include procedures for providing information about the emergency plan to parents at the time of enrollment and when changes occur;
- 9. be reviewed annually for accuracy and updated as changes occur; and
- 10. be reviewed with all staff at least once per year.

Finding:

1921-A Based on record review: The provider did not include the following in the center's emergency and evacuation plan: a system to account for all children, a system and a back-up system for contacting parents and authorized third party release caretakers and a system to reunite children and parents following an emergency.