

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-D-G Based on observations/interview(s)/record review: The Provider failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: 12 two year olds with 1 staff. The required ratio for children of this age is 11 children per 1 staff person. When Specialist conducted the centers head count upon arrival, Specialist observed 12 children with S7. Specialist inquired the ages of the children in her care and S7 stated she had all 2 year olds. Specialist brought to S9's attention that S7 was out of ratio and S9 stated that S7 had 2 and 3 year olds. When questioned again, S7 and S9 stated that C1 was 3 years old. Specialist requested C1's file to determine age. S9 went to get the file and came back without it. Specialist requested the file again and followed S9 to get the file. Specialist observed that the birth month was whited out and changed to show 3/11/15 making C1 3 years old. Vaccination records show C1's birthday is 8/11/15 making him 2 years old. S9 had S10 go into the room correcting the ratio.

1901-Q: The Safety Box

Not Met

1901-Q: The center shall post a copy of the current The Safety Box newsletter issued by the Louisiana Office of the Attorney General and shall immediately remove from the early learning premises any items listed as recalled.

Finding:

The Provider did not post 'The Safety Box' newsletter issued by the Louisiana Office of the Attorney General. The last posted Safety Box newsletter was dated in 2014. Specialist showed S9 where to find and print the new ones. Corrected prior to departure.

1919-D.2: Food Service and Nutrition - Choking Hazards

Not Met

1919-D.2: Children under age 4 shall not have foods that are implicated in choking incidents. Examples of these foods include but are not limited to: whole hot dogs, hot dogs sliced in rounds, raw carrot rounds, whole grapes, hard candy, nuts, seeds, raw peas, hard pretzels, chips, peanuts, popcorn, marshmallows, spoonful of peanut butter, and chunks of meat larger than what can be swallowed whole.

Finding:

1919-D.2 Based on observations/interview(s):

The Provider allowed children under age 4 to eat chunks of sausage that was larger than what could be swallowed whole. Specialist observed in the 3 year old room and the 1 year old room children eating chunks of sausages up to 3 inches in length. Specialist had teachers cut the sausage up into smaller pieces. S9 stated that she talked to the cook about cutting smaller in the kitchen before it goes to the children.