

Statement of Deficiencies

5311-A.4: Health Statement

Not Met

5311.A.4. A record for each paid and non-paid staff person, including substitutes and foster grandparents shall be on file at the center. Personnel record shall include a written statement of good health signed by a physician or designee. Health statement dated within three months prior to offer of employment or within one month after date of employment is acceptable. A health statement is required every three years. Originals shall be presented upon request.

Finding:

7311.A.4 (5311.A.4.) Health records to include documentation of good health, signed by a physician or designee were not available for 2 of 11 staff.

5311-A.5: Criminal Record Check

Not Met

5311.A.5. A record for each paid and non-paid staff person, including substitutes and foster grandparents shall be on file at the center. Personnel record shall include documentation of a satisfactory criminal record check, as required by R.S.15:587.1. Provider shall request this clearance prior to the employment of any center staff. A criminal record clearance is not transferable from one employer to another. No staff with a criminal conviction of a felony, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere of a felony, or any offense of a violent or sexual nature, or any offense involving a juvenile victim shall be employed in a Class "A" child care center.

Finding:

5311.A.5. Documentation of a satisfactory criminal record check, as required by Louisiana R.S. 15:587.1, was not available for [1] of [11] staff, Staff shall not be present in the center until documentation of a criminal record clearance has been received from Louisiana State Police.

5315-A: Child-to-Staff Ratio

Not Met

5315.A. Child/staff ratios are established to ensure the safety of all children. Only those staff members directly involved in child care and supervision shall be considered in assessing child/staff ratio. Child/staff ratios shall be met at all times as the number of children supervised by one staff person shall not exceed the ratios as indicated below; however, there shall always be a minimum of two child care staff present during hours of operation when children are present:

Ages of Children	Child/Staff Ratio
Infants under 12 months	5:1
One year old	7:1
Two year old	11:1
Three year old	13:1
Four year old	15:1
Five year old	19:1
Six year old and up	23:1

An average of the child/staff ratio may be applied to mixed groups of children ages two, three, four, and five. Ratios for children under two or over five years old are excluded from averaging. When a mixed group includes children less than two years of age, the age of the youngest child determines the ratio for the group to which the youngest child is assigned. When a mixed group includes children both older and younger than six years old and older, the ages of the children less than six determine the ratio for the group. During naptime, required staffing shall be present in the center to satisfy child/staff ratios.

Finding:

7315.A. (5315.A.) The Provider did not meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages:
[19] children age [4-5] with 1 staff. The required ratio for children age Four years to Five Years is 17 children per 1 staff.

5321-J: Daily Observation of Children

Not Met

5321.J. Upon arrival at the center, each child shall be observed for possible signs of illness, infections, bruises, injuries, physical condition, etc. When noted, results including an explanation from parent and/or child shall be documented.

Finding:

7321.J. (5321.J.) Results including an explanation from parent and/or child were not documented.

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5321-K: Incidents and Accidents

Not Met

5321.K. Incidents, injuries and accidents shall be documented. Documentation shall include name of child, date and time of incident, location where incident took place, description of how incident occurred, part of body involved, and actions taken. Documentation of all incidents/injuries/accidents shall include time of parental notification and signature of person notifying the parent. The parent or designated person shall be notified immediately in the following situations:

- blood not contained in an adhesive strip;
- head injury;
- human bite which breaks the skin;
- any animal bite;
- an impaled object;
- broken or dislodged teeth; or
- any injury requiring professional medical attention.

Finding:

7321.K. (5321.K.) The Provider did not have documentation of immediate notification to the parent or designated person when the following occurred to a child: [hit his head on the wall and it left a bump on the top of his head]. Incident occurred at [9:59 am] on [10-9-09] and the parent was notified at [Time of notification was not documented].

5323-A.2: Indoor 35 Square Feet

Not Met

5323.A.2. A minimum of at least 35 square feet per child of indoor space shall be available. The space shall not include toilet facilities, hallways, lofts, storage or food preparation areas, or offices. Any room counted as play space shall be available for play during play hours. If rooms are used exclusively for dining or sleeping, they cannot be included in the licensed capacity.

Finding:

7323.A.2 (5323.A.2.) The center did not have a minimum of 35 square feet of indoor play space per child. Provider is licensed to care for [70] children and [71] children were present.

5323-B.1: Outdoor - Direct Exit

Not Met

5323.B.1. Outdoor play space with a direct exit from the center into the outdoor play yard shall be available. If the exit does not open directly onto the play yard, the outdoor play yard shall be attached to the facility in such a manner to ensure that the children are continuously protected by a fence while going to and/or from the outdoor play yard.

Finding:

7323.B.1 (5323.B.1.) The center does not have a direct exit to the play yard. The Center has been granted a waiver which is contingent upon full compliance with the conditions of the safety plan and conditions of the waiver. The center was not in compliance with condition # 13 of the waiver conditions which states that All Parents/legal guardians shall sign and date the permission slip which clearly describes the safety plan and grants the provider permission to escort their child from the center to the play yard through an area that is not enclosed.

5331-I: Liability Insurance

Not Met

5331.I. The provider shall maintain in force at all times current commercial liability insurance for the operation of center vehicles to ensure medical coverage for children in the event of accident or injury. This policy shall extend coverage to any staff member who provides transportation for any child in the course and scope of his/her employment. The provider is responsible for payment of medical expenses of a child injured while in the provider's care. Documentation shall consist of the insurance policy or current binder that includes the name of the child care facility, the name of the insurance company, policy number, period of coverage and explanation of the coverage. If transportation is provided by parents for field trips or transportation is provided by contract, whether daily or field trip, a copy of the current liability insurance shall be maintained on file.

Finding:

7331.I. (5331.I.) The Provider did not maintain documentation of the contract provider's current liability insurance. Transportation is provided for field trips.