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1501-A: Operations

Not Met

1501-A: A center shall operate within the licensed capacity, age range, hours of operation and other specific services designated on its license.

Finding:

1501-A Based on observations: The director made changes that had an effect on the license as the provider is licensed to care for children ages 6 weeks to 13 years old and one infant age three weeks old was observed being cared for on the childcare premises. Also, specialist observed S3 and S4 with the children outside playing in an area that is not licensed space. The children were playing in a lot next to the center that was not completely enclosed with a fence. The area lacked fencing in the front. Note: S2 stated the children were playing in the lot next door because the center's play yard was being cleaned.

1503-A-C: General Liability Insurance Policy

Not Met

1503-A-C: A. A center shall maintain in force at all times current commercial liability insurance for the operation of the center to ensure medical coverage for children in the event of accident or injury.

B. A center is responsible for payment of medical expenses of a child injured while in the center's care.

C. Documentation of commercial liability insurance shall consist of the insurance policy or current binder that includes the name of the early learning center, physical address of the center, name of the insurance company, policy number, period of coverage and explanation of the coverage.

Finding:

1503-A-C Based on record review: The provider did not maintain commercial liability insurance for the operation of the center to ensure medical coverage for the children in the event of an accident or injury as the provider's previous liability insurance coverage was effective from 1/2/16 to 1/2/17 per documentation. The provider's current liability coverage is effective from 3/14/17 to 3/14/18 per documentation. Based on documentation from the provider's previous and current liability documentations, the provider did not have liability coverage from 1/3/17 to 3/13/17.

1509-A.8.c: Behavior Management Policy - Time Out

Not Met

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i. Time out shall not be used for children under age 2.

ii. A time out shall take place within sight of staff.

iii. The length of each time out shall be based on the age of the child and shall not exceed 1 minute per year of age.

iv. For children over age six, a time out may be extended beyond 1 minute per year of age, if a signed and dated statement, including a maximum time limit, from the parent granting such permission, is on file at the center.

Finding:

1509-A.8.c Based on record review/interviews: The center's time out policy did not clearly state all time out procedures that are used and all that are prohibited. Also per statements from S1, S2 and S3, time out is used for the one year old children.

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 record review: The provider did not have a written 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, are prohibited for children under are two and time allowed for electronic device activities for children ages two and above shall not exceed 2 hours per day.

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

Not Met

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- 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.
- b. 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 record review: The Provider did not have a Programs, Movies and Video Games Policy requiring: 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. PG programming or its television equivalent shall not be shown to children under age 5. PG programming shall only be viewed by children age 5 and above and shall require written parental authorization. Any programming with a rating more restrictive than PG is prohibited. All video games shall be suitable for the youngest child with access to the games. E10+ rated games shall be permitted for children ages 10 years and older. T and M rated games are prohibited.

1711-C: Posted Child to Staff Ratio in Classroom

Not Met

1711-C: The Licensing Division form noting required child to staff ratios shall be posted in each room included in the center's licensed capacity.

Finding:

1711-C Based on observations: The Licensing Division form noting required child/staff ratios failed to be posted in each room included in the center's licensed capacity.

1713-A&B&C: Supervision

Not Met

1713-A&B&C:

- A: Children shall be supervised at all times in the center, on the playground, on field trips, on non-vehicular excursions, and during all water activities and water play activities.
- B: Children shall not be left alone in any room, (except the restroom as indicated in Subsection G), outdoors, or in vehicles, even momentarily, without staff present.
- C: A staff person shall be assigned to supervise specific children whose names and whereabouts that staff person shall know and with whom the staff person shall be physically present. Staff shall be able to state how many children are in their care at all times.

Finding:

1713-A&B&C Based on observations: Children were not under supervision at all times as specialist observed staff to leave children unsupervised for approximately one minute on two separate occasions during the licensing inspection. While serving lunch, specialist observed S3 to leave 10 children ages two years to four years old unsupervised while the children were eating to give milk cups to S1 for the children ages one year to two years old who were in another room eating and during naptime, 10 children ages two years to four years old were left unsupervised while S2 was in the kitchen cleaning, S1 was outside and S3 was supervising the children ages one year to two years old who were napping in another room. S4 had left the center for lunch.

1713-E&F: Supervision Participation

Not Met

1713-E&F:

- E: While supervising a group of children, staff shall devote their time to supervising the children, meeting the needs of the children, and participating with them in their activities.
- F: Staff duties that include cooking, housekeeping or administrative functions shall not interfere with the supervision of children.

Finding:

1713-E&F Based on observations: While supervising a group of children, childcare staff did not devote their time to supervision of the children, meeting the needs of the children, and in participation with the children in their activities; staff, S2, was observed in the kitchen washing dishes after breakfast leaving her group of five children ages one year to two years old sitting at a table. Note: S3 was present in the room the same room with her group of seven children ages three years to four years old. S3 was observed engaged with her group of children. Also, S1 was present in the room with one

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infant age three weeks old who was in an infant seat while S1 was organizing paperwork. S4 was in the back classroom with three children age two years old.

1723-A.&B.: CPR Certification

Not Met

1723-A.&B.: A - Infant and child CPR - Fifty percent of staff members on the premises of a center and accessible to children, or at least four staff on the premises and accessible to children, whichever is less, shall have current certification in infant and child CPR.

B - Adult CPR - Fifty percent of staff members on the premises of a center and accessible to children, or at least four staff on the premises and accessible to children, whichever is less, shall have current certification in adult CPR.

Finding:

1723-A.&B Based on record review: The provider did not have documentation that at least fifty percent (50%) of all staff on the premises and accessible to the children or at least four staff on the premises and accessible to children, whichever is less, have current certification in infant, child and adult CPR. 0 of 4 staff had documentation of this certification.

1723-C.-D.: Pediatric First Aid

Not Met

1723-C.-D.:

C. Pediatric First Aid - Fifty percent of staff members on the premises of a center and accessible to children, or at least four staff on the premises and accessible to children, whichever is less, shall have current certification in Pediatric First Aid.

D. Certification - A copy of the certification for each such staff member shall be on-site at all times and available for inspection by the Licensing Division.

Finding:

1723-C.-D Based on record review: The provider did not have documentation that at least fifty percent (50%) of all staff on the premises and accessible to the children or at least four staff on the premises and accessible to children, whichever is less, have current certification in Pediatric First Aid. 0 of 4 staff had documentation of this certification.

1901-O: Alcohol, Tobacco, etc. Prohibited

Not Met

1901-O: The center shall prohibit the use of alcohol and tobacco and the use or possession of illegal substances, unauthorized potentially toxic substances, fireworks and firearms, and pellet and BB guns on the center premises and notice to this effect shall be posted.

Finding:

1901-O Based on observations: The Provider lacked a posted notice that prohibits the use of alcohol, tobacco and the use or possession of illegal substances or unauthorized potentially toxic substances, fireworks, firearms, pellet or BB guns (loaded or unloaded) on the child care premises.

1907-A.1-2: High Chairs

Not Met

1907-A.1-2:

1. The high chair manufacturer's restraint device shall be used when children are sitting in a high chair.

2. Children who are either too small or too large to be restrained using the manufacturer's restraint device shall not be placed in a high chair.

Finding:

1907-A.1-2 Based on observations: The high chair manufacturer's restraint device was not used when a one year old child was sitting in a high chair after breakfast.

1911-I.-J.: Proper Lifting of a Child

Not Met

1911-I.-J.:

I. Staff members shall adhere to proper techniques for lifting a child.

J. Staff members shall not lift a child by one or both arms.

Finding:

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1911-I.-J. Based on observations: Staff did not lift a child using proper lifting techniques, both S1 and S2 were observed to lift a child (age one year old) using one arm.

1919-A&B: Food Service and Nutrition - Menu

Not Met

1919-A&B: All meals and snacks provided by the center, and their preparation, service and storage, shall meet the requirements for meals of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and 7 C.F.R. 226.20 and the Louisiana Sanitary Code, Title 51, Part XXIII, found at LAC 51:XXXIII. For the current CACFP meal patterns, contact the Louisiana Department of Education, Division of Nutrition Support.

The weekly menu shall:

1. be planned for each day of the week and list the specific food items served;
2. be prominently posted by the first day of each week and remain posted throughout the week; and
3. have substitutions or additions posted on or near the menu.

Finding:

1919-A&B Based on observations: The current weekly menu listing specific food items served for each day of the week was not prominently posted by the first day of each week and remain posted throughout the week.
