

Statement of Deficiencies

5306-F: Discipline

Not Met

5306.F. The provider shall establish a policy in regard to methods of discipline. Any form of punishment that violates the spirit of this standard of discipline, even though it may not be specifically mentioned as forbidden, is prohibited. This written posted policy shall clearly state ALL types of positive discipline that are used and that the following methods of discipline are prohibited:

- No child shall be subject to physical punishment, corporal punishment, verbal abuse or threats.
- Cruel, severe, unusual, or unnecessary punishment shall not be inflicted upon children.
- Derogatory remarks shall not be made in the presence of children about family members of children in care or about the children themselves
- No child or group of children shall be allowed to discipline another child.
- When a child is removed from the group for disciplinary reasons, he shall never be out of sight of a staff member.
- No child shall be deprived of meals or snacks or any part thereof for disciplinary reasons.

Finding:

****NEW****

7306.F. (Old Tag #5306.F.) Provider used a prohibited method of discipline as [a child was subject to corporal punishment, verbal abuse , a child was subject to cruel, severe, unusual or unnecessary punishment, a child was deprived of meals or snacks or any part thereof for disciplinary reasons].

*BASED ON STAFF INTERVIEWS AND DOCUMENTATION SOME HEAD START STAFF HAVE BEEN OBSERVED YELLING AT THE CHILDREN VERY LOUDLY, GRABBING THE CHILDREN ROUGHLY OR SHAKING THEM AND TAKING THEIR FOOD BEFORE THEY ARE FINISHED EATING AS A MEANS OF DISCIPLINE.
