

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.B.1. Based on record review/interview(s) on 5/22/19, S2 did not have at a minimum of 2 child care staff present at an early learning center when more than one child is present as one staff, S3, was supervising 6 children age: (1) 6mths, (1) 2yrs old, (1) 4 yr old, (2) 5 yr olds, and (1) 7 yrs old from 6:33 am until 7:00 am. LS observed the following on the staff daily attendance:

S3 arrived at 6:20 am

S2 and S5 arrived at 7:00 am

S6 arrived at 8:03 am

S4 arrived at 9:10 am

LS also observed the following on 5/21/19 daily attendance logs: S3 was the only staff member present from 6:25 am until 7:00 am, which was when S5 arrived at 7:00 am. S3 was supervising 7 children ages: (1) 6 mths, (1) 1 yr old, (1) 2 yr old, (1) 3 yr old, (1) 5 yr old, and (2) 7 yr olds.

According to the staff daily attendance:

S3 arrived at 6:25 am

S5 arrived at 7:00 am

S2 arrived at 7:10 am

S6 arrived at 8:03 am

S4 arrived at 9:06 am

S3 also failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for the 6 children on 5/22/19 and the 7 children on 5/21/19, as the required ratio for children of this age is 5 children per 1 staff person.

S5 stated that there was currently no other staff member to arrive at 6:30 am to assist S3. S5 stated she is normally the staff member that arrives at 6:30 am but she has been late to arrive at the center. S5 stated that she also provides transportation for S2.

1901.P.: Staff Personal Belongings

Not Met

1901.P.: The personal belongings of center staff members shall be inaccessible to children.

Finding:

1901.P. Based on observations on 5/22/19, the personal belongings of center staff member, S4, was accessible to children as LS observed S4's personal cellphone sitting in a container on a shelf low enough for children to reach. LS observed S4 supervising 3 children (ages 5mths - 1yr old). LS observed S4 removing the personal item to a more inaccessible area. Personal belongings were observed during the center's last licensing visit on 3/28/19.

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

Not Met

1919.A.&B.: A. 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), 7 CFR 226.20, and LAC 51:XXIII.

B. 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 observation/interview(s) on 5/22/19, menu substitutions or additions were not posted on or near the menus as S6 stated the children were to be served the following: dirty rice, corn, sliced peaches, and juice. LS observed the following on the menu posted in the front area of the first building: chicken Alfredo, corn, mandarin oranges, and peaches.

S2 also failed to meet the requirements for meals of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), as S2 stated that the children were being served juice today due to her not going to the store to get milk. S5 stated that the children was served water as beverage for breakfast.
