

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.: Child to Staff Ratio: Based on observation on 5/28/19, S1 failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: 6 children ages 7 m/o to 1 y/o with 1 staff. The required ratio for children of this age is 5 children per 1 staff person. On 5/28/19, the Specialist completed the walk through of the center and identified that S5 was responsible for 3 children ages 7-11 m/o. When S5 was asked who was supervising the 3 1 y/o children napping in the other room, which was divided by a vertical half wall, S5 informed the Specialist that S6 was responsible for them but she had gone to the restroom. S6 returned to the room at approximately 1:32 PM correcting the ratio.

1713.A.&B.&C.: Supervision

Not Met

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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.: Supervision: Based on interview/observation on 5/28/19 at approximately 10:18 AM, children were not under supervision at all times as evidenced by S1's statement and the center's video recording which identified that S4 left C1 in the school age room alone for approximately 3 minutes (10:20AM). C1 was found by S2 and O1 at 10:20AM when he rolled a toy shopping cart into their view. S4, who was C1's assigned teacher, identified that she was missing a child and retraced her steps to find C1 at approximately 10:21 AM.

1919.H.: Infants Held While Bottle Fed

Not Met

1919.H.: Infants that cannot hold a bottle shall be held while being bottle-fed. A child shall not be placed lying down on a mat or otherwise with a bottle, sippy cup, etc. A bottle shall not be propped at any time.

Finding:

1919.H.: Infants Held While Bottle Fed: Based on observation on 5/28/19, an infant was not held while being bottle-fed. At approximately 1:30 PM, the Specialist identified that C2 was in a bouncer feeding himself a bottle. Specialist informed S5 that C2 could not be in a lying position drinking his bottle. S5 removed C2 from the bouncer and held him prior to the Specialist leaving the room.