

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 Based on observations: The Provider failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: 6 children age infant to one years old with 1 staff, S1, at approximately 9:18am in room #3. At approximately 9:22am the class rooms started shuffling the children to meet child/staff ratio. Room #3 met child/staff ratio at approximately 9:22am after two children were moved to another classroom and room #3 had 4 children age infant to one years old. The required ratio for children of this age is 5 children per 1 staff person.

1901-H.&I.: Equipment

Not Met

1901-H.&I.: All equipment used by children shall be maintained in a clean and safe condition and in good repair. Moveable equipment shall be secured and supported so that it shall not fall or tip over.

Finding:

1901-H&I, Based on observations: All of the center equipment used by children was not maintained in a clean and safe condition and in good repair. The plastic climbing slides stairs were not properly connected to the structure as the manufacturer intended and posed a hazard to children. -The bike-o-round located on the play yard was missing a pedal.

1903-C: Free of Hazards

Not Met

1903-C: Indoor and outdoor areas shall be free of hazards.

Finding:

1903-C Based on observations: The indoor and outdoor area were not free of hazards as there were rusted nails protruding from the fence in three different areas in the play yard making them dangerous if a child ran into them.

1903-D.5: Room Capacity

Not Met

1903-D.5: The number of children using a room shall be based on the 35 square feet per child requirement, except for dining, sleeping, and other non-routine activities such as film viewing and parties.

Finding:

1903-D.5 Based on observations: The number of children using a room was exceeded based on the 35 square feet per child requirement. Room #3 can accommodate 5 children and 6 were present at approximately 9:18am. Room #3 met capacity at approximately 9:22am when two children were moved to classroom #4.

-Room #5 can accommodate 5 children and 6 were present at approximately 9:18am. Room #5 met capacity at approximately 9:22am when one child was moved to classroom #4.

-Room #2 can accommodate 7 children and 8 were present at approximately 9:18am.

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1903-E.4: Outdoor - Kitchen

Not Met

1903-E.4: Children shall not enter or exit the center through the kitchen.

Finding:

1903-E.4 Based on observations: 3 children were observed passing through the centers kitchen with S4 into the office and back through the kitchen from the office into their classroom.

1903-E.5: Outdoor - Enclosed

Not Met

1903-E.5: Outdoor play space shall be enclosed with a permanent fence or other permanent barrier in a manner that protects children from traffic hazards, prevents children from leaving the premises without proper supervision, and prevents contact with animals or unauthorized persons.

Finding:

1903-E.5 Based on observations: Outdoor play space lacked enclosure with a permanent fence or other permanent barrier in a manner that protects children from traffic hazards, prevents children from leaving the premises without proper supervision, and prevents contact with animals or unauthorized persons. Specialists observed the centers front gate unlatched and open upon arrival at approximately 8:45 am. The front gate must remain closed and latched as the children use the front/side yard to access the play yard.

-A piece of lattice separating the front yard and an access channel on the side yard was not properly secured and unattached from the structure making it accessible for children to access the area which contained the water meter and electrical wires that was loose and on the ground.

1911-K: Hand Washing

Not Met

1911-K: Staff and children shall wash their hands using soap at least at the following times: upon arrival at the center, before preparing or serving meals, before giving medication, after playing in water used by more than one person, after toileting, after helping a child use a toilet or changing diapers, after wiping noses or cleaning wounds, after handling pets and other animals, after playing in sandboxes, before eating meals or snacks, upon coming in from outdoors, after cleaning or handling garbage and anytime hands become soiled with body fluids, such as urine, saliva, blood or nasal discharge.

Finding:

1911-K Based on observations: Staff did not wash their hand with soap as needed. Licensing Special observed that staff S2 did not wash their hands after using a Kleenex to clean the nose of a child.

-Childrens hands were not washed prior to eating lunch. The children were sitting on the floor listening to a story being read and then were served lunch.

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: Menu substitutions or additions were not posted on or near the menus as the menu posted stated sausage, red beans, rice, bananas, cornbread, and milk will be served. The center served sausage, red beans, rice, apples, cornbread, and milk. The substitution was not posted.

1919-D: Meals Served

Not Met

1919-D: A minimum of a breakfast or morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack shall be served to children, and meals and snacks shall be served not more than three hours apart.

Finding:

1919-D Based on observations: Meals and snacks shall be served not more than three hour apart. Center's daily schedule for infants and one years olds state breakfast starts at 6:30am and ends at 8:30am, Lunch starts at 10:30am and ends at 11:00am. Breakfast and lunch are served more than 3 hours apart as breakfast starts at 6:30am and lunch starts at 10:30am.