

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 interview/record review at 2:00pm, S1 failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: four infants and five 1-year-old-children with one staff. The required ratio for children of this age is five children per one staff person. On 5/24/2021, time undetermined, S7 was left alone with nine children when S15 left the classroom to go to the outside dumpster. Ratio was corrected when S6 stated she stepped into the classroom at 2:35pm.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 6/1/2021, S1 stated she has spoken to involved staff and instructed they are not to leave the classroom out of ratio for any circumstance and this regulation will be reviewed at the next all staff meeting on 6/22/2021. Staff will communicate with Walkie Talkies to ensure ratio is met at all times, to ensure this deficiency is not recited.

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 of this Section or when being provided services by therapeutic professionals, as defined in §103), 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 record review/interview at 2:00pm, children were not under supervision at all times. On 5/24/2021 at 2:35pm, S6 found C1, age one, alone by the tree in the front of the infant classroom. The Critical Incident Report documented S7 was fixing a bottle in the classroom closet when S15 stepped out of the classroom to throw the trash and C1 followed her outside. S15 and S7 stated they did not observe C1 walk out of the classroom. There were nine children, four infants and five 1-year-old children left unsupervised when S15 walked out of the classroom while S7 was in the closet preparing a bottle.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 6/1/2021, S1 stated the classroom door handle has been changed from an L-shape to a round handle and a child safety cover will be added to the door knob. This regulation will be reviewed at the all staff meeting on 6/22/2021, to ensure this deficiency is not recited.

1915.A.: Health Services - Observation

Not Met

1915.A.: Observation. Upon arrival at the center, the physical condition of each child shall be observed for possible signs of illness, infections, bruises or injuries, and when something is observed, it shall be documented and such documentation shall include an explanation from the parent or child.

Finding:

1915.A.: Health Services - Observation: Based on observation/record review at 11:07am, S13 failed to document a cut (healing) on C2's (age three) left forehead with the explanation from the parent or child. S13 stated C2 fell at home, and corrected by documenting on the record. Technical Assistance previously provided on 11/18/2020.

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Corrective Action Plan: Effective 6/1/2021, S1 stated she will conduct a review of this regulation with all staff at the next all staff meeting on 6/22/2021. S6 will conduct a daily review at 10:00am, during lunch counts, to ensure observations are documented, and obtain an explanation from the parent as needed, to ensure this deficiency is not recited.
