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Statement of Deficiencies

1501-A: Operations Not Met

1501-A: A center shall operate within the licensed capacity, age range, hours of operation and other specific services designated on its license.

Finding:

Based on observation: The Director made changes that had an effect on the license as the provider is licensed to care for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years and children ages 6 weeks to 14 years old were on the childcare premises.

1509-A.8. a-b: Behavior Management Policy

Not Met

1509-A.8. a-b: Behavior Management Policy

Each center shall develop and implement a written behavior management policy describing the methods of behavior guidance and management that shall be used at the center.

The behavior management policy shall prohibit children from being subject to any of the following:

- i. physical or corporal punishment which includes but is not limited to yelling, slapping, spanking, yanking, shaking, pinching, exposure to extreme temperatures or other measures producing physical pain, putting anything in the mouth of a child, requiring a child to exercise, or placing a child in an uncomfortable position.
- ii. verbal abuse, which includes but is not limited to using offensive or profane language, telling a child to "shut up", or making derogatory remarks about children or family members of children in the presence of children;
- iii. the threat of a prohibited action even if there is no intent to follow through with the threat;
- iv. being disciplined by another child;
- v. being bullied by another child;
- vi. being deprived of food or beverages;
- vii. being restrained by devices such as high chairs or feeding tables for disciplinary purposes; and
- viii. having active play time withheld for disciplinary purposes, except timeout may be used during active play time for an infraction incurred during the playtime.

Finding:

Based on record review: Center's current behavior management policy failed to include the following prohibited discipline methods:

- iii. the threat of a prohibited action even if there is no intent to follow through with the threat:
- vii. being restrained by devices such as high chairs or feeding tables for disciplinary purposes; and
- viii. having active play time withheld for disciplinary purposes, except timeout may be used during active play time for an infraction incurred during the playtime.