

Statement of Deficiencies

705.A.-D.: Access

Not Met

- 705.A.-D.: A. An early learning center shall allow the Licensing Division staff access to the center, the children, all files, records, and recordings, upon request at any time during any hours of operation or any time a child is present.
- B. Licensing Division staff shall be allowed to interview any center staff person deemed necessary by the Licensing Division.
- C. Licensing Division staff shall be admitted into a center immediately and without delay and shall be given free access to all areas of a center, including its grounds.
- D. If any portion of a center is set aside for private use by an owner of the center, Licensing Division staff shall be permitted to verify that no children are present in that portion of the center and that such private areas are inaccessible to children.

Finding:

705.A. Based on observations:

The early learning center did not allow the Licensing Division staff access to the children, and all files, records, and recordings, upon request at any time during any hours of operation or any time a child is present. Licensing Specialists Jeanette Raffray and Natasha Ordogne arrived at the center at 9:30 am. The center door was locked. A female came to the door, after repeatedly knocking, and said the Director was not present and asked the Specialists to wait. Shortly after a chevy van (license plate 496BYK LA) arrived with two female adults and 7 children. S1 came to the door after the transportation female called her via telephone. S1 let the Specialists into the foyer of the building and asked the Specialist to remain there until the Director arrived. It was 9:40 am when the Specialist were allowed access to the building. S1 allowed the Specialist to count the children and obtain her name, but again asked us to wait for the Director. S2 came into the foyer and introduced himself to the Specialists. The Specialists asked again if they could begin the inspection. S2 asked that the Specialists wait for the Director. The Director arrived at 10:27 am. The Director allowed the inspection to begin at 11:40 am.

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:

1501-A Based on record review:

The center is licensed to care for children ages 1-4 years and children ages 1-5 years were being cared for on the childcare premises. C5 was present in the center during the licensing visit. C5's date of birth is 3/7/13.

1507-A: Daily Attendance Records - Children

Not Met

1507-A: A daily attendance record for children shall be maintained that shall:

1. include the child's first and last name, arrival and departure times, and first and last name of person or entity to whom the child is released;
2. accurately reflect children on the center premises at any given time; and
3. be used to sign in and out if a child leaves and returns to the center during the day.

Finding:

1507-A Based on observations: The Specialists was not allowed to continue her inspection. The Specialist was not allowed to compare the attendance records with the records of authorized individuals to pick up the child.

1707-B.1&2: Required Staffing - Staff in Charge

Not Met

1707-B.1&2: When the director or director designee is not on the premises due to a temporary absence or during night time care hours, there shall be an individual appointed as staff-in-charge.

1. The staff-in-charge shall be at least age 21.
2. The staff-in-charge shall have the authority to respond to emergencies, inspections, parental concerns, and have access to all required information.

Finding:

1707 B 2 Required Staffing-Staff in charge: When the Director or director designee is not on the premises due to temporary absence, there was not an individual at least 21 years of age appointed as Staff-in-Charge who is given the authority to respond to emergencies, inspections/inspectors, and parental concerns and have access to all required information. S1 and S2 were on site in the center. S1 and S2 requested that the Licensing Specialist wait for the Director to begin the inspection. S1 asked that we wait for the Director because she did not wish to give any incorrect information.

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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 Based on observations:

A minimum of 2 child care staff were not present at an early learning center when more than one child is present as one staff was supervising 7 children age 1-5 years old. The Specialists arrived at 9:30 am and a van arrived shortly after 9:30 am. There were 7 children in the van with two adults. The two adults escorted the children into the facility and then left. The children were in the classroom with S1. The Specialists were allowed to count the children in the class with S1 at 9:40 am. There were no other adults in the classroom. There were 7 children ranging in age from 1-5 years old according to S1.

A second walk through of the facility was conducted at 11:59 am and there were 2 staff members, S1 and S4, present with 7 children.

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 center's outdoor play yard sustained water damage to its turf due to a recent rain storm. The play yard's turf area is in need of repair/replacement and is not currently assessable to children.