

## 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:

The Center failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: Infants Under 1 year. Children age 6 weeks to 1 year with 1 staff present upon specialist entering the room at 12:53 pm. The required ratio for children of this age is 5 children per 1 staff person. The center would need 1 additional staff present in the classroom to meet child/staff ration for this age group.

### 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 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:

Children were not under supervision at all times as during center's walk thru specialist observed 1 of 9 infants ages 6 weeks to 1 years of age not supervised. 9 month old C1 was observed in the rear corner of the classroom in a moving devise and out of the view of S14. S14 was in a seated position on the floor of the classroom supervising 4 infants 6weeks to 1years of age positioned in front of her and 4 infants in cribs asleep in her view. No other staff was present in the classroom upon specialist and directors entrance at 12:53 pm. 2 additional staff S14 & S15 entered the classroom at 12:55 pm.

### 1715-A.4: Criminal Background Check

Not Met

1715-A.4: Staff Members. Personnel files for each staff member shall be maintained at the center and shall include the following: documentation of a fingerprint based satisfactory criminal background check

#### Finding:

1715-A.4 Based on record review: S5 and S19 provided a copy of their certified criminal background check (RTR), however, the provider failed to obtain a new satisfactory criminal background check from the Louisiana State Police for both staff prior to the one year date of issuance of the previous certified criminal background check in order for the individual to continue employment at the center (1703.E). The criminal background check on file for S5 expired on 6/19/2014 and S19 CBC expired on 5/12/2014 and both staff persons were present in the licensed child care facility on 6/19/2017.