

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:

Based on record review, the Provider failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for the ages of children present on 7/3/19. Specialist's review of the child and staff attendance records for 07/03/2019 at 9:45am indicated that there were twenty children (infant-11 years old) with two staff, S1 and S5, from 7:09 am to 7:10 am. There was one-infant, five-1 year olds, two-2 year olds, four-3 year olds, one-4 year old, and seven-before and after school children (5-11 years old) present. Three staff were required.

Based on record review there failed to be a minimum of two staff members present when more than one child was present and the minimum number of staff for the ages of the children present failed to be met on 6/19/19. Specialist's review of child and staff attendance records for 06/19/2019 indicated one staff member, S9, was present with one(1 year old), when four additional children(one -1 year old, three- before/after schoolers) arrived at 6:00am. S9 was also present with sixteen children (three - one year olds, one -2 year old, four-3 year olds, one- 4 year old, and five-5-11 years old) from 6:45am-7:00am when the ratio for one year olds (7:1) was not met. Two staff were required. The second staff, S12 arrived at 7:00am. S1 stated she was present at the center on 06/19/2019, but there was no documentation of it.

1919.A.&B.: Food Service and Nutrition - Menu

Not Met

1919.A.&B.: A. 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), 7 CFR 226.20, and LAC 51:XXIII.

B. 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.: Food Service and Nutrition - Menu: Based on interview/Observation/record review/: The center's meals and snacks including their preparation, service and storage, as specified under the Child Care Food Program of the United States Department of Agriculture, were not provided as the menu documented for 06/19/2019 was corn and fruit served for lunch, and a whole wheat and meat/protein was needed to meet the requirements. S8 stated she served Jambalaya that day, but it was not documented. The current weekly menu listing specific food items served for each day of the week was not prominently posted by the first day of each week and remain posted throughout the week. The Provider did not have a menu posted for 07/03/2019 as Specialist observed at 10:00am the menu that was posted for this week. Provider also did not have a menu filled out for 06/20/2019.