

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:

1501.A. Operations- Based n Observations/interviews: S1 did not notify the Licensing Division prior to making changes that had an effect on the license as the provider is utilizing an indoor unlicensed space that was not previously approved by the Licensing Division. On 7/9/19 upon arrival to the center at 9:00am, Specialist observed 2 children in an unlicensed office space with S2 and S3. Both S2 and S3 stated that they had been in the unlicensed space since the arrival of the first child at 7:45am. S2 and S3 stated that they wait for the children to arrive before going down the hall to the classroom.

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.G.3 Child to Staff Ratio: Based on Observations: On 7/9/19 at 10:57am, the Provider failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: 6 children ages 3 months to 2 year old with 1 staff. The required ratio for children of this age is 5 children per 1 staff person. Specialist observed S2 come out of the restroom and started to head down the main hallway when she saw Specialist and stopped. S2 then turned around and followed Specialist back to the classroom where Specialist observed S3 with 6 children ages 3 months to 2 years old. Two staff would have been needed to make ratio at all times. Director, S1, stated that the staff are supposed to buzz the office so that someone can take their place for a restroom break.

1807.C.: CCCBC-Based Determinations of Eligibility for Visitors and Contractors

Not Met

1807.C.: C. An early learning center shall obtain a CCCBC-based determination of eligibility for child care purposes from the department for each visitor or independent contractor of any kind, and shall have documentation of said determination available at all times for inspection upon request by the licensing division, unless the visitor or independent contractor, other than therapeutic professionals as defined in §103, will be accompanied at all times while at the center when children are present, by an adult staff member who is not being counted in child-to-staff ratios. The center shall have documentation of said determination of eligibility, or documentation of the accompanying staff member, available at all times for inspection upon request by the Licensing Division.

Finding:

1807.C. CCCBC-Based Determinations of Eligibility for Visitors and Contractors - Based on observations/Record review: A CCCBC-based determination of eligibility for child care purposes from the department was not obtained for each visitor, prior to the person being present at the center or performing services as evidence by: On 7/9/19 at approximately 1:00pm, the Center did not have a paid, adult staff member not otherwise counted in child to staff ratios accompanying a repair man at all times while on the center premises. Specialist observed O1 walking in the hallway alone and asked if what staff had been with him. O1 stated that she left and was not sure where she went. S4 was observed at the other end of the building pushing a food tray cart toward the kitchen. Specialist advised S4 that she needed to stay with O1 while he was in the building. The visitor log is also missing the signature of the staff accompanying O1.

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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 record review/interview: On 7/9/19 at approximately 9:30am, Specialist observed that the last posted weekly menu was June 24-28, 2019. The Center failed to make a menu for specific food items served for each day of the week and prominently post the menu by the first day of each week and remain posted throughout the week. S4 stated that during the summer it is "Managers choice" and does not make a menu. S4 corrected prior to Specialist leaving the center.
