

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:

1711-A-D-and G: Based on observations and interview: Center staff failed to meet the child to staff ratio as one staff was observed supervising a group of 6 children ages infant - 1 year old (4 one year olds and 2 infants). In order to meet child to staff ratio, two staff should have been present. Specialist observed S5 supervising 6 children ages infant through 1 alone. S1 stated that one child was added to the class at naptime and she did not realize that child to staff ratio had been exceeded. Specialist observed child to staff ratio was met prior to departure.

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), 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:

1713-A&B: Based on observations: All children were not under supervision at all times as Specialist observed one child (aged 6 years old) in a classroom with no staff supervision. S8 stated that this child was going to the restroom; however, Specialist observed S8 standing near the first classroom down the hall and this child was not in the restroom, but inside of a classroom near the far wall. S8 stated that the child must have stopped in the classroom to clean something. Specialist advised S1 that children must be under staff supervision at all times unless they meet the age exception to go to the restroom only. Specialist observed that supervision was met prior to departure.

1713-J: Rest Time Supervision

Not Met

1713-J: 1. If two rooms share a common doorway, one staff member may supervise the resting children in both rooms.

2. If the view of the staff supervising the children is obstructed by an object such as a low shelving unit, children shall be checked by sight by staff circulating among the resting children.

Finding:

1713-J Based on observations/interview(s): At naptime, children in two rooms that do not share a common doorway were being supervised by one staff. Specialist observed S3 standing in the doorway of a classroom supervising 7 children ages 3 through 4 years old. Specialist entered the classroom directly across the hallway and observed 8 2 year old children napping with no staff supervision. S3 stated that she was supervising both classes. S1 stated that she was assisting with supervision; however, she stepped away to clean the center. Specialist advised S1 that in order for one staff to supervise two classrooms during nap time, these rooms must share a doorway. Specialist observed that this was corrected prior to departure.

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1909-I: Availability of Safety Approved Cribs

Not Met

1909-I: A safety approved crib shall be available for each infant.

Finding:

190-0-I: Based on observations and interview: Center staff failed to have a safety approved crib available for each infant in care. Specialist observed 6 children sleeping in the infant room. Specialist observed that there were only 4 cribs present. Specialist observed 2 infants asleep in bouncers. S1 stated that there are additional cribs available; however, they were not set up.
