

## Statement of Deficiencies

### 1509.A.8.a.&b.: Behavior Management Policy

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Each center shall develop and implement a written behavior management policy describing the methods of behavior guidance and management that shall be used at the center.

The behavior management policy shall prohibit children from being subject to any of the following:

- i. physical or corporal punishment which includes but is not limited to yelling, slapping, spanking, yanking, shaking, pinching, exposure to extreme temperatures or other measures producing physical pain, putting anything in the mouth of a child, requiring a child to exercise, or placing a child in an uncomfortable position.
- ii. verbal abuse, which includes but is not limited to using offensive or profane language, telling a child to "shut up", or making derogatory remarks about children or family members of children in the presence of children;
- iii. the threat of a prohibited action even if there is no intent to follow through with the threat;
- iv. being disciplined by another child;
- v. being bullied by another child;
- vi. being deprived of food or beverages;
- vii. being restrained by devices such as high chairs or feeding tables for disciplinary purposes; and
- viii. having active play time withheld for disciplinary purposes, except timeout may be used during active play time for an infraction incurred during the playtime.

#### Finding:

1509.A.8.a&b: Based on interviews and observations at 10:35AM, although there was a written behavior management policy, S13 failed to adhere to the policy as she used a prohibited method of discipline, corporal punishment, on 07/10/2020. S13 reported to S1 that she slapped C1 in the face with her open palm twice to stop him from biting C2. S15 terminated S13 immediately.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 07/15/2020, S15 stated the center will retrain staff on the behavior management policy to prevent this deficiency from being written again.

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