

## Statement of Deficiencies

### 713.A: Office of Public Health, State Fire, City Fire, Office of Early Childhood approval

Not Met

713.A: Current approvals by the Office of Public Health, Office of State Fire Marshal, City Fire (if applicable), Office of Early Childhood and the Licensing Division shall be required before the expiration of an existing license.

#### Finding:

713.A Based on record review on 7/18/18, S1 lacked documentation of a current annual inspection and approval from State Fire Marshal. S1 stated that she has been trying to contact the state Fire Marshall office in Shreveport, LA since 6/29/18 and has been unsuccessful.

### 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-D-G Based on observations on 7/18/18, the Provider failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: 10 children age 7 weeks to 1 yr old with 1 staff. The required ratio for children of this age is 5 children per 1 staff person. During walk through of the center specialist observed S3 to leave out of the nursery area and come into S5's classroom leaving S4 alone with 10 children age ranging from 7 weeks to 1 years old. Specialist advised S3 that S4 can not be left alone with 10 children and S3 returned to her classroom.

### 1901-G.-H.: Equipment

Not Met

1901-G.-H.: G. All equipment used by children shall be maintained in a clean and safe condition and in good repair.

H. Moveable equipment shall be secured and supported so that it shall not fall or tip over.

#### Finding:

1901-G.-H. Based on observations on 7/18/18, all of the center equipment used by children was not maintained in a safe condition and in good repair as evidenced by on the playground area there is a tricycle with a broken seat and another tricycle with broken paddles.

### 1901-J.-K.: Items That Can be Harmful to Children

Not Met

1901-J.-K.: J. Items that can be harmful to children, such as medications, poisons, cleaning supplies and chemicals, and equipment, tools, knives and other potentially dangerous utensils, shall kept in a locked cabinet or other secure place that ensures they are inaccessible to children.

K. Plastic bags, when not in use, regardless of purpose or use, shall be made inaccessible to children.

#### Finding:

1901-J.-K. Based on observations on 7/18/18, the Center had a plastic bags that was accessible to children as evidence by: in S5's classroom in the classroom at the front of the building there were 3 boxes of plastic ziploc bags, a white trash bag and a bundle of extension cord under the sink in the classroom. In S7's classroom there was a large roll of white trash bags sitting on top of the cubies in the classroom.

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### **1901-P: Staff Personal Belongings**

**Not Met**

1901-P: The personal belongings of center staff members shall be inaccessible to children.

#### **Finding:**

1901-P Based on observations on 7/18/18, the personal belongings of center staff members S7 was accessible to children as evidenced by her green back pack was sitting on the floor of the classroom.

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