

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-B-D-G Based on observations: The Provider failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: Infant-9 years old with 2 staff, S1 and S2. The required ratio for children of this age is 5 children per 1 staff person. While Specialist was in the center, 2 staff were observed with 15 children ages 0-9 years old. All children were combined into one room so 3 staff would have been needed to make ratio. Specialist also observed S2 leave the room with a infant to change a diaper in another classroom, leaving S1 with 14 children ages 0-9 years old. Specialist also observed S1 leave the room to go to kitchen to prepare lunch leaving S2 alone with 15 children ages 0-9 years old.

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: Supervision: Based on Observation: Children were not under supervision at all times as when Specialist arrived at the center at 9:30am on 7/20/17, Specialist observed an infant in a crib alone in a classroom. The infant was awake and standing up in his crib at the time.

1903-C: Free of Hazards

Not Met

1903-C: Indoor and outdoor areas shall be free of hazards.

Finding:

1903-C Based on observations:

The indoor and outdoor area were not free of hazards as Specialist observed electrical wires and cables running down from electrical boxes attached to the facility that were covered with Styrofoam sheets nailed into the building. The sheets of Styrofoam were flexible and could easily rip if pulled and become accessible to the children on the playground. Specialist also saw several rusted screws sticking out of the lattice work that lines the building bottom. Specialist also observed a metal leg that is for the outdoor sink was broken off and laying in the yard. Both the rusted screws and the metal pole used for a sink leg were accessible to the children on the playground.

1911-D: Awake Children

Not Met

1911-D: While awake, children shall not remain in a crib, baby bed, swing, high chair, carrier or playpen for more than 30 consecutive minutes.

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Finding:

1911-D Based on observations: The specialist observed an infant in a highchair for 54 consecutive minutes. Specialist also observed an infant in a infant swing for 54 consecutive minutes.
