

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. Based on observations/interview: At approximately 12:30pm, Specialist observed S1 made changes that had an effect on the license, as the provider is licensed for a capacity of 30 children and 32 children were observed being cared for on the premises. S2 stated she verbally spoke with someone from the Department (name unknown) and was told her licensing capacity was 33 and that the center was mailed a copy of their license with a capacity of 33. Specialist observed the center's license and saw the center's capacity is 30. According to the children's daily attendance 32 children were signed in. S1 and S2 stated that summer camp ends next week and their numbers will be low again.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective today, S1 and S2 stated they will pay more attention to their license capacity and will not have more children than they are licensed for on the center premises.

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 observation/interview: At approximately 12:15pm, S1 failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children present at the center. Specialist observed S2 with 7 children (10 months to 1 years old) in the classroom by herself. S2 was informed that the infant classroom did not meet ratio, as infants under 1 years of age ratio is 5 to 1 staff. S2 stated that S4 left the center for her lunch break and would be returning shortly. At approximately 1:07pm, S2 was observed entering the center. S4's attendance log shows she clocked in at 1:00pm. Ratio was corrected once S4 returned to the center.

Corrective Action Plan: S1 and S2 stated they will create a schedule to ensure there are enough staff present on the premises during naptime to met the infant ratio.

1807.B.: CCCBC-Based Determinations of Eligibility for Volunteers and Staff

Not Met

1807.B.: B. Volunteers and Staff. An early learning center shall obtain a CCCBC-based determination of eligibility for child care purposes from the department for each volunteer, staff member, or employee of any kind, and shall have documentation of said determination available at all times for inspection upon request by the Licensing Division.

Finding:

1807.B. Based on record review/interview: At approximately 1:04pm, S1 failed to have documentation of an eligible CCCBC for childcare purposes on S3. S3's orientation form shows her date of hire as 5/1/2020. S3's attendance log shows she worked on the premises on the following dates: 5/1/2020, 5/4/2020, 5/6/2020, 5/7/2020, 5/8/2020, 5/24/2020, 5/27/2020, 5/28/2020, 5/29/2020, 6/1/2020 through 6/5/2020, 6/8/2020, through 6/12/2020, 6/15/2020 through 6/19/2020, 6/22/2020 through 6/30/2020, 7/1/2020, through 7/3/2020, 7/6/2020 through 7/10/2020, 7/13/2020 through 7/17/2020, 7/20/2020 and 7/21/2020. S2 stated S3 is a certified teacher in St. Bernard Parish and she thought she completed a CCCBC for eligibility. Specialist

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observed S3 in the classroom with six children (two-years-old to four-years-old) during naptime.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective today, S1 stated all new hires will have a completed CCCBC-based determination of eligibility prior to their first day working on the premises.
