

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.B. Based on observation at 10:29 am, child to staff ratio failed to be met at all time when S5 left S6 alone in a classroom supervising 11(1-year-olds). Per S5's verbal statement, she was going to check the attendance log to do a name count to see how many mats would be needed for naptime. This deficiency was corrected during the inspection.

Corrective Action: Effective 7/22/2020, S1 will speak with each staff individually and schedule a staff meeting to discuss child to staff ratio requirements.

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 of this Section or when being provided services by therapeutic professionals, as defined in §103), 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 observation at 10:22 am, supervision failed to be met at all times in the center. Licensing Specialist and S1 observed S2 entering the gym located in building #2. Per S1's verbal statement, S2 went into the gym to turn the air on for the afterschool children who would be transitioning to that room. During the time that S2 went into building #2, she left 16 children ages 5-years-old to 12-years-old alone in a room in building #1. S1 and S2 were informed that no children could be left alone in any room.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 7/22/2020, S1 stated she will speak with each staff individually and conduct a staff meeting to discuss supervision requirements.

Based on observation at 10:27 am, C1 (12-years-old) and C2 (7-years-old) were observed sitting alone in a classroom on a zoom counseling session without supervision. Per S1's verbal statement, she was told by the counselor the children had to be alone. She stated she would check on them every 5 minutes to make sure they were okay. The counseling session was from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. The children were returned to their classrooms at 11:00 am.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 7/22/2020, S1 will speak with the children's counselor to inform them that if zoom counseling sessions are conducted while the children are at the center that a staff must be present to supervise them. If they cannot have a staff present then the counseling sessions will not be able to be conducted at the center.