

Statement of Deficiencies

1513-A.1-2: Schedules

Not Met

1513-A.1-2: An early learning center shall establish in writing and post the following schedules:

1. Schedule of days and hours of operation, including scheduled days and holidays when center is closed; and
2. Daily schedule that includes times of planned activities, including early learning activities, allowing for flexibility and change.

Finding:

1513-A.1-2 Based on observations/record review:

Although Provider had a Posted Daily schedule that includes times of planned activities, including early learning activities, allowing for flexibility and change, the provider did not follow the schedule. Upon arrival at 10:45am, Specialist observed that the 3-4 year olds were finished eating lunch and the Infants-2 year olds were almost finished. The schedule stated that lunch is from 11:30-12:40pm. Rest time was observed at 11:30-12:10pm. The schedule states that nap time is from 1:10-2:10pm. Specialist observed snack time at 12:40pm and the schedule shows that snack time is from 2:20-2:50pm.

1507-A: Daily Attendance Records - Children

Not Met

1507-A: A daily attendance record for children shall be maintained that shall:

1. include the child's first and last name, arrival and departure times, and first and last name of person or entity to whom the child is released;
2. accurately reflect children on the center premises at any given time; and
3. be used to sign in and out if a child leaves and returns to the center during the day.

Finding:

1507-A Based on observations/record review:

The center's daily attendance record for children did not accurately reflect the children on the child care premises at any given time as 11 children were present and 7 children were signed in on the log.

1511-A.2: Sleep/Rest Procedure

Not Met

1511-A.2: Sleep/Rest

- a. Infants shall be allowed to sleep according to their individual schedules
- b. Children under age 4 shall have daily rest time of at least 75 minutes in programs operating more than 5 hours per day.
- c. Children ages 4 and older shall be offered the opportunity for quiet time.

Finding:

1511-A.2 Based on observations:

Children under age 4 did not have daily rest time of at least 75 minutes in programs operating more than 5 hours per day. Specialist observed children ages 1-3 years old only receive a rest period of 40 minutes. S1 stated that they are closing early today for a funeral so they cut nap short.

1703.B: Visitors - CBC/Accompanied

Not Met

1703.B: An early learning center shall obtain documentation of a satisfactory fingerprint based CBC for each visitor or independent contractor of any kind, prior to the person being present at the center or performing services for the center UNLESS the visitor or independent contractor WILL BE accompanied at all times while on the center premises by an adult, paid, staff member who is not being counted in child to staff ratios, and the center shall have copies of said documentation on-site at all times and available for inspection upon request by the Licensing Division.

1. Documentation of the paid, adult staff member not otherwise counted in child to staff ratios who accompanied a visitor or independent contractor at all times while the visitor or contractor was on the center premises shall include the date, arrival and departure time of the visitor or contractor, language stating that the visit or contractor was accompanied by the staff member at all times while on the premises, and the signature of both the contractor and the accompanying staff member.

Finding:

A satisfactory fingerprint based CBC was not obtained for each visitor, prior to the person being present at the center or performing services as evidence by: Specialist observed O1 in a classroom with 7 children ages Infant-2 years old. The Center did not have documentation of the paid, adult staff member not otherwise counted in child to staff ratios who accompanied O1 at all times while they were on the center premises. Documentation did not include the date, arrival time, departure time, language stating that they were accompanied by the staff member at all times while on the premises, signature of the signature of the staff member.

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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: 7 children age Infant - 2 year old with 1 staff upon Specialist arrival at 10:45am. The required ratio for children of this age is 5 children per 1 staff person. 2 staff would have been needed to meet ratio.

1715-A.4: Criminal Background Check

Not Met

1715-A.4: Personnel files for each staff member shall be maintained at the center and shall include the following: documentation of a fingerprint based satisfactory criminal background check

Finding:

1715-A.4 Based on record review: Documentation of a satisfactory fingerprint based criminal background check (CBC) was not available for 1 of 5 staff, prior to the individual(s) being present in the childcare facility (1703.A) O1 did not obtain a Criminal Background Check before being left to supervise a group of children ages Infant-2 years old alone. According to S2, O1 was left to watch 7 children ages infant - 2 years old while lunch was being prepared.

1715-A.5: State Central Registry

Not Met

1715-A.5: Personnel files for each staff member shall be maintained at the center and shall include the following: documentation of a current, completed state central registry disclosure form indicating no justified (valid) finding of abuse or neglect by the DCFS, or a current determination from the DCFS indicating that the individual does not pose a risk to children.

Finding:

1715-A.5 Based on record review:

Provider failed to have documentation of a completed state central registry disclosure form (SCR 1) prior to an individual being present in or providing services to the center on site and available for review at the center(1705.A-B). O1 failed to have documentation of the completed form. O1 was on the premises 7/25/17 from 8:11am-10:54am and failed to have documentation of the completed form. Staff were on the premises as observed by the licensing specialist.

1907-A.1-2: High Chairs

Not Met

1907-A.1-2:

1. The high chair manufacturer's restraint device shall be used when children are sitting in a high chair.
2. Children who are either too small or too large to be restrained using the manufacturer's restraint device shall not be placed in a high chair.

Finding:

1907-A.1-2 Based on observations:

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The high chair manufacturer's restraint device was not used when children are sitting in a high chair. Specialist observed 6 of 6 children sitting in the high chair table were not buckled in. Of the 13 chairs at the 2 high chair tables, 7 of the 13 chairs did not have manufacturer's restraint devices.

1907-B.1-4: Eating Practices

Not Met

1907-B.1-4:

1. Developmentally appropriate seating shall be used.
2. Chairs and tables of suitable size shall be available for each child.
3. Feeding tables may be used at mealtimes, if children's feet are able to rest comfortably on a foot rest.
4. Feeding tables may also be used for occasional program activities that require a table surface for no longer than 30 minutes in one day in addition to mealtime minutes.

Finding:

1907-B.1-4 Based on observations: Developmentally appropriate seating was not used during snack time. Specialist observed children ages 1-5 years old sitting on the floor eating snack instead of at the feeding tables in the room.

1919-A&B: Food Service and Nutrition - Menu

Not Met

1919-A&B: All meals and snacks provided by the center, and their preparation, service and storage, shall meet the requirements for meals of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and 7 C.F.R. 226.20 and the Louisiana Sanitary Code, Title 51, Part XXIII, found at LAC 51:XXXIII. For the current CACFP meal patterns, contact the Louisiana Department of Education, Division of Nutrition Support.

The weekly menu shall:

1. be planned for each day of the week and list the specific food items served;
2. be prominently posted by the first day of each week and remain posted throughout the week; and
3. have substitutions or additions posted on or near the menu.

Finding:

1919-A&B: Based on observations: The substitution menu for today states that animal crackers and apple juice were to be served at snack. Specialist observed the children eating peanut butter cheese crackers and apple juice.

1919-D.2: Food Service and Nutrition - Choking Hazards

Not Met

1919-D.2: Children under age 4 shall not have foods that are implicated in choking incidents. Examples of these foods include but are not limited to: whole hot dogs, hot dogs sliced in rounds, raw carrot rounds, whole grapes, hard candy, nuts, seeds, raw peas, hard pretzels, chips, peanuts, popcorn, marshmallows, spoonful of peanut butter, and chunks of meat larger than what can be swallowed whole.

Finding:

1919-D.2 Based on observations:

The Provider allowed children under age 4 to eat hot dogs that were cut into chunks that are implicated in choking incidents. Specialist observed 1-3 year olds eating cut up chunks of hot dogs.