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.1. Based on record review: Provider did not have at a minimum of 2 child care staff present at an early learning center when more than one child is present as one staff was supervising children in the early morning hours from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. According to daily attendance logs, on 7/31/17, 8/2/17 and 8/4/17 and 8/7/17 S2 was supervising more than one child alone until a second staff member (S3) arrived at 8:00 a.m. On 7/31, S2 was supervising 4 children One to Three years of age (there was 1 - One year old child, 2 -Two year old children and 1 - Three year old child) from 7:29 a.m. until a second staff member (S3) arrived at 8:00 a.m. On 8/1, S2 was supervising 4 children One to Three years of age (there was 1 - One year old child, 2 -Two year old children and 1 - Three year old child) from 7:45 a.m. until a second staff member (S3) arrived at 8:00 a.m. On 8/2, S2 was supervising 3 children One to Three years of age (there were 2 -Two year old children and 1 - Three year old child) from 7:45 a.m. until a second staff member (S3) arrived at 8:00 a.m. On 8/4, S2 was supervising 2 children Two to Three years of age (there was 1 - Two year old children and 1 - Three year old child) from 7:48 a.m. until a second staff member (S3) arrived at 8:00 a.m. On 8/7, S2 was supervising 3 children under 12 months to Two years of age (there was 1 - child under 12 months of age, 1 - One year old child and 1 -Two year old child) from 7:33 a.m. until a second staff member (S3) arrived at 8:00 a.m. Two staff were needed to meet the required child/staff ratio.

1903-E.6: Outdoor - Crawlspaces

Not Met

1903-E.6: Crawlspaces and mechanical, electrical, or other hazardous equipment shall be made inaccessible to children.

Finding:

NEW 1903-E.6. Based on observation: Electrical, or other hazardous equipment is not inaccessible to children as Specialist observed a window air conditioning unit under the covered carport area near the center's Irby Street entrance, which is used by children for outdoor play when the outdoor play area is too wet. The air conditioning unit is approximately 3 feet off the ground and lacks a protective cover to prevent children from coming into contact with air conditioning unit, which poses a shock hazard to children.