

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 |
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| 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&D-G1: Based on observation on 8/12/19 at 10:00am, S8 & S9 failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: 17 children age 1 & 2 with 2 staff. The required ratio for children of this age is 7 children per 1 staff person. S8 advised that there were 4 two year olds and 13 one year old children in the room. The classroom is divided however S8 stated that they were going back and forth. Specialist advised S1 that children under age 2 could not be averaged and that the one yr olds set the ratio for the room. There should only be 14 children in the room. Advised S1 to correct ratio another staff should be added or 3 children should be removed from the classroom. Ratio is 7:1.

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&C: Based on observation on 8/12/19 at 11:50 am, children were not under supervision at all times as evidenced by C1, C2 & C3 came into the front office unsupervised looking for medicine for C3. All 3 children were from S14's classroom in the 2nd building. S1 was in the kitchen preparing lunch. Specialist went to the kitchen to advise S1 that she had 3 children unsupervised in the front office, S1 came to retrieve the children and return them to their teacher.

1901.J.&K.: Items That Can be Harmful to Children

Not Met

1901.J.&K.: J. Items that can be harmful to children, such as medications, poisons, cleaning supplies and chemicals, and equipment, tools, knives and other potentially dangerous utensils, shall kept in a locked cabinet or other secure place that ensures they are inaccessible to children.

K. Plastic bags, when not in use, regardless of purpose or use, shall be made inaccessible to children.

Finding:

1901.J & K: Based on observation on 8/12/19 at 10:05am, Items that can be harmful to children, such as cleaning supplies, were not kept in a locked cabinet or other secure place that ensures they are inaccessible to children as evidenced by in S13's classroom the after school area/cafeteria there was 2 bottles of cleaning supplies on the counter. S2 removed the items during the walk through. In S8 & S9's classroom, there was 3 bags of baby wipes and plastic bags on the changing table. The changing table in the classroom is low and accessible to the children. Advised S8 to remove the items and she secured them during the visit.

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1901.P.: Staff Personal Belongings

Not Met

1901.P.: The personal belongings of center staff members shall be inaccessible to children.

Finding:

1901.P. Based on observations on 8/12/19 at 10:00am, the personal belongings of center staff members was accessible to children as evidenced by S10's purse and water bottle filled with a red liquid was sitting on a table in the classroom accessible to the children. During the walk through the children were on the outside playground. S1 put the items away for S9. In the after school classroom, S13 had her purse sitting on a lower shelf behind her, advised S12 that her personal belongings should be inaccessible to the children and she corrected during the walk-through.
