

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&D&G: Based on observations and interview at 10:30 AM on 8/25/2020, S1 failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: 24 children age five through ten-years-old with 1 staff, S8. The required ratio for children of this age is 21 children per 1 staff person. Specialist observed S9 present with this class prior to departure; ratio was met prior to Specialist departure.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 8/25/2020, S1 stated she will complete a retraining with all staff as soon as possible regarding this regulation to ensure it is not cited again.

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 observations and interviews at 10:15 AM on 8/25/2020, 15 children ages three through four-years old failed to be under supervision at all times as Specialist observed these children playing on the play-yard while the assigned staff, S3, stood inside the center play yard exit doorway (with the door open, but her back to the door) talking to S2. Specialist observed these staff in this position for approximately 3 minutes, from the time Specialist entered the center, signed in, and walked to that location. S1 corrected prior to Specialist departure.

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