

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 four children are present.
 2. Only those staff members directly providing care, supervision or guidance to children shall be counted in the child to staff ratios.
 3. The department's form noting required child-to-staff ratios shall be posted in each room included in the center's licensed capacity.
 4. Minimum child-to-staff ratios for type II and type III centers are as follows.

Ages of Children	Ratio
Infants under 1 year	5:1
1 year	7:1
2 years	10:1
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 two, three, four and five.
 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 five and older.

Finding:

1711.A.&B.&D.: Based on interviews/record review at approximately 10:00 a.m., on 9/16/2022, S1 failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages:12 children (C1-C12) age 2-years-old with 1 staff from approximately 7:58 a.m. until approximately 8:12 a.m. The required ratio for children of this age is 10 children per 1 staff person. Ratio was corrected at 8:12 a.m. when another staff arrived at the center and took four 2-year-olds to another classroom.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 9/29/2022, S1 stated she will tell the staff to notify the office when they have reached ratio for the age group they are watching. If a parent is trying to drop off a child before another staff has arrived, the parent will be asked to stay with their child until the staff arrives to ensure compliance with this regulation.

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 interviews/observation at approximately 10:00 a.m., children failed to be under supervision at all times. On 9/16/2022, at approximately 8:05 a.m., C1 (2-year-old), opened the door to the play yard and went outside while under the supervision of S7. At approximately 8:06 a.m., S7 realized C1 was not in the classroom and began to look for her. C1 was found alone on the play yard by S7 at approximately 8:07 a.m., according to video provided by the center. There was an alarm installed on the door, but the alarm was turned off at the time of the incident and did not sound when C1 opened the door.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 9/29/2022, S1, Director, stated she will check with State Fire Marshall about adding a push lock device that only adults can reach. If State Fire Marshall does not approve, she will inquire if a normal door knob can be installed instead of the push bar. If State Fire Marshal does not approve this, then they will move the 2-year-old class to another classroom and place older children in this classroom to ensure compliance with this regulation.