

Statement of Deficiencies

5305-H: Children's Daily Attendance

Not Met

5305.H. A daily attendance record for children, completed by the parent or center staff, including the time of arrival and departure of each child and the name of the person to whom the child was released, shall be maintained. This record shall accurately reflect the children on the child care premises at any given time. If the record is completed by center staff, that individual shall write the first and last name of the person to whom the child was released and sign his/her own name. Children who leave and return to the center during the day shall be signed in/out. A computerized sign in/out procedure is acceptable if the record accurately reflects the time of arrival and departure as well as the name of the person to whom the child was released.

Finding:

7305.H. (5305.H.) The center's daily attendance record for children did not accurately reflect the children on the child care premises at any given time as 42 children were present and 37 children were signed in on the log.

5311-A.5: Criminal Record Check

Not Met

5311.A.5. A record for each paid and non-paid staff person, including substitutes and foster grandparents shall be on file at the center. Personnel record shall include documentation of a satisfactory criminal record check, as required by R.S.15:587.1. Provider shall request this clearance prior to the employment of any center staff. A criminal record clearance is not transferable from one employer to another. No staff with a criminal conviction of a felony, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere of a felony, or any offense of a violent or sexual nature, or any offense involving a juvenile victim shall be employed in a Class "A" child care center.

Finding:

7311.A.5. (5311.A.5.) Provider failed to obtain a criminal record clearance prior to hiring three staff. Staff shall not be present on the child care premises until documentation of a criminal record clearance has been received from Louisiana State Police.

5315-A: Child-to-Staff Ratio

Not Met

5315.A. Child/staff ratios are established to ensure the safety of all children. Only those staff members directly involved in child care and supervision shall be considered in assessing child/staff ratio. Child/staff ratios shall be met at all times as the number of children supervised by one staff person shall not exceed the ratios as indicated below; however, there shall always be a minimum of two child care staff present during hours of operation when children are present:

Ages of Children	Child/Staff Ratio
Infants under 12 months	5:1
One year old	7:1
Two year old	11:1
Three year old	13:1
Four year old	15:1
Five year old	19:1
Six year old and up	23:1

An average of the child/staff ratio may be applied to mixed groups of children ages two, three, four, and five. Ratios for children under two or over five years old are excluded from averaging. When a mixed group includes children less than two years of age, the age of the youngest child determines the ratio for the group to which the youngest child is assigned. When a mixed group includes children both older and younger than six years old and older, the ages of the children less than six determine the ratio for the group. During naptime, required staffing shall be present in the center to satisfy child/staff ratios.

Finding:

7315.A. (5315.A.) The Provider did not meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages:
13 children ages 1 year to 2 years with 1 staff. The required ratio for children age One year is 7 children per 1 staff.
22 children age 3 year to 4 years with 1 staff. The required ratio for children age Three years to Four years is 14 per 1 staff.
Others on the premises meeting ratio as follows:
7 children age infants with 2 staff.
The ratio was not met when specialist arrived at approximately 2:45pm. The ratio was met at approximately 3:15pm when one staff arrived for work and three returned from a personal errand.

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5319-D: Posted Menu

Not Met

5319.D. Current weekly menus for meals and snacks listing specific food items served shall be prominently posted. Menu substitutions shall be recorded on or near the posted menu.

Finding:

7319.D. (5319.D.) The current weekly menu listing specific food items served for meals and snacks was not prominently posted.

5327-G: Electrical Plug Covers

Not Met

5327.G. Unused electrical outlets shall be protected by a safety plug cover.

Finding:

7327.G. (5327.G.) Unused electrical outlets were not protected by a safety plug cover in the infant and 3-4 year old rooms. Corrected before visit was completed.

5327-H: Strings and Cords

Not Met

5327.H. Strings and cords (such as those found on window coverings) shall not be within the reach of children.

Finding:

7327.H. (5327.H.) Strings and cords were within reach of children as television cord was observed next to an infant in a highchair. Corrected before visit was completed.
