

Statement of Deficiencies

1509-A.8. a-b: Behavior Management Policy

Not Met

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Each center shall develop and implement a written behavior management policy describing the methods of behavior guidance and management that shall be used at the center.

The behavior management policy shall prohibit children from being subject to any of the following:

- i. physical or corporal punishment which includes but is not limited to yelling, slapping, spanking, yanking, shaking, pinching, exposure to extreme temperatures or other measures producing physical pain, putting anything in the mouth of a child, requiring a child to exercise, or placing a child in an uncomfortable position.
- ii. verbal abuse, which includes but is not limited to using offensive or profane language, telling a child to "shut up", or making derogatory remarks about children or family members of children in the presence of children;
- iii. the threat of a prohibited action even if there is no intent to follow through with the threat;
- iv. being disciplined by another child;
- v. being bullied by another child;
- vi. being deprived of food or beverages;
- vii. being restrained by devices such as high chairs or feeding tables for disciplinary purposes; and
- viii. having active play time withheld for disciplinary purposes, except timeout may be used during active play time for an infraction incurred during the playtime.

Finding:

1509-A.8. a-b Based on record review: The behavior management policy at the center does not include the positive discipline methods that are used at the center.

1515-B: Consent to Release

Not Met

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Finding:

1515-B Based on record review: Written consent from the parents was not obtained for photographs taken of the children by a high school student visiting the center on 10/10/17 for a community sponsor program by the high school.

1713-G: Restrooms - Supervision

Not Met

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1. Children who are developmentally able may be permitted to go to the restroom independently at an early learning center, provided that:
 - a. A staff member is in proximity to the children to ensure immediate intervention to safeguard a child from harm while in the restroom; and
 - b. Individuals who are not staff members may not enter the center restroom area while in use by any child other than their own child.
2. A child age 4 and older may be permitted to go and return from the restroom without staff.

Finding:

1713-G Based on observations: S1 and S2 did not prevent a non-staff member (high school student) and a child from occupying the restroom at the same time. S1 and S2 took the children on a non-vehicular excursion to the community center's gym which is located next to the center. The high school students visiting the center on 10/10/17 accompanied the staff and children to the community center. Specialist observed a three years old child and a visiting high school student at the center to exit the restroom at the same time. S1 and S2 were on the gym's floor at the time of occurrence.