

## 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: Based on interviews on 10/15/19 at 2:30pm, S10 failed to meet the required child to staff ratio on 9/24/19 for children of the following ages: 19 children age 2 years old with 1 staff. The required ratio for children of this age is 11 children per 1 staff person. S10 & S17 stated that they left the room at different times on 9/24/19 to retrieve supplies but was not gone for very long. S1 stated that he had a staff person to call in from the 2 year old classroom and had to call S17 to come to work early.

### 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: Based on interviews on 10/15/19 at 2:30pm, children were not under supervision at all times on 9/24/19 as evidenced by S10 stated that during naptime she uses her phone to look up videos and material for her classroom. Specialist advised S10 that children has to be supervised at all times even during nap time and being on your cellphone hinders supervision. S10 is not completing TSGold or any curriculum courses with her phone. Gave technical assistance warning on cell phones even during nap time on 6/26/19.

### 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.K: Based on observation on 10/15/19 at 12:45pm, items that can be harmful to children such as stacks of thank you plastic bags were sitting on the table in S11's classroom. S11 secured the bags during the visit. Center was previously cited for the same thing 4/15/19 & 8/12/19.

### 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 interview(s)/observations on 10/15/19 at 12:45pm, the personal belongings of S4 was accessible to the children as evidenced by S4

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had a sonic cup and a 20 ounce sprite sitting on the table in her classroom. S4 secured the items during the visit. Gave technical assistance warning on 4/15/19.

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### 1903.C.: Free of Hazards

**Not Met**

1903.C.: Indoor and outdoor areas shall be free of hazards.

#### Finding:

1903.C. Based on observations on 10/15/19 at 1:00pm, the outdoor area were not free of hazards as a broken toy sink was sitting on the playground area outside of S16's classroom. S1 removed the broken toy and placed it outside the fence during the walk through.

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### 1911.K.: Hand Washing

**Not Met**

1911.K.: Staff and children shall wash their hands using soap at least at the following times: upon arrival at the center, before preparing or serving meals, before giving medication, after playing in water used by more than one person, after toileting, after helping a child use a toilet or changing diapers, after wiping noses or cleaning wounds, after handling pets and other animals, after playing in sandboxes, before eating meals or snacks, upon coming in from outdoors, after cleaning or handling garbage and anytime hands become soiled with body fluids, such as urine, saliva, blood or nasal discharge.

#### Finding:

1911.K. Based on interview(s) on 10/15/19 at 1:00pm, S10 stated that on 9/24/19 prior to lunch time she did have some children to wash their hands with soap and water before eating, however when the restrooms were tied up she used hand sanitizer or baby wipes to wipe the 2 year old children's hands prior to eating. S10 stated that she was aware of the hand washing policy.

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