

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.: Child to Staff Ratio: S1 failed to meet ratio and did not have at a minimum of 2 child care staff present at an early learning center when more than one child is present. On 10/24/19 at 12:00pm, Specialist completed a review of the staff and children's attendance records for 10/23/19 and the record showed S2 was the only staff person present in the center from 5:20pm until 6:12pm. At the time of S4's departure at 5:20pm, ten children, age one to seven, remained in the care of S2 until the last two children were signed out at 6:12pm. Children under the age of two are excluded from averaging and the ratio for children age one is seven children per one staff. S1 would have needed one additional staff person to meet child to staff ratio.

1915.A.: Health Services - Observation

Not Met

1915.A.: Observation. Upon arrival at the center, the physical condition of each child shall be observed for possible signs of illness, infections, bruises or injuries, and when something is observed, it shall be documented and such documentation shall include an explanation from the parent or child.

Finding:

1915.A.: Health Services - Observation: Based on record review/interview: S2 failed to note at arrival the physical condition of each child for possible signs of illness, infections, bruises, or injuries and when something is observed, it shall be documented and include an explanation from the parent or child. Specialist interviewed S2 during a visit on 10/24/19. S2 stated that C1 would arrive in the center with scratches, which were mostly observed on his legs. S2 stated she also observed C2 arrive with a large scrape on his knee, but did not document the observation herself. A review of the daily observation record was completed at 1:57pm, and Specialist observed from 5/8/19 to 8/5/19, there was no documentation of a daily observation, when something is observed, for C1 or C2.

1919.A.&B.: Food Service and Nutrition - Menu

Not Met

1919.A.&B.: A. All meals and snacks provided by the center, and their preparation, service and storage, shall meet the requirements for meals of the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), 7 CFR 226.20, and LAC 51:XXIII.

B. The weekly menu shall:

1. be planned for each day of the week and list the specific food items served;
2. be prominently posted by the first day of each week and remain posted throughout the week; and
3. have substitutions or additions posted on or near the menu.

Finding:

1919.A.&B.: Food Service and Nutrition - Menu: Based on observation/record review: Menu substitutions or additions were not posted on or near the menus. Specialist observed at arrival at the center on 10/24/19 at 10:00am, the daily menu listed french toast and peaches for breakfast and fish sticks, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, and peaches for lunch. When asked what the children were served for breakfast, S2 stated the center was out of french toast, so the children were served pancakes and eggs. S2 failed to post the substitutions prior to breakfast being served. At 11:33am, Specialist observed the children were served chicken nuggets, tator-tots, green beans, Tampico 1% citrus punch, and grape Power Aid for lunch. S2 updated the menu board prior to lunch being served, but listed fries and not tator-tots. The lunch served failed to meet the requirement for meals, as specified under the Child Care Food Program of the United States Department of Agriculture. Milk, fruit, and a whole grain-rich food item were needed to meet the meal requirements.