

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-ABDG: Child Staff ratio: Based on observation, The Provider failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: @ 8:45, 15 children age 1 with 2 staff. The required ratio for children of this age is 7 children per 1 staff person. Another staff arrive at 9:00 to join the class and correct ratio.

1901-K.&L.: Items That Can be Harmful to Children

Not Met

1901-K.&L.: 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. Plastic bags, when not in use, regardless of purpose or use, shall be made inaccessible to children.

Finding:

1901-K&L: items That Can be harmful to Children: Based on observation The Center's had a plastic bag that was accessible to children as evidence by: a stack of black plastic trash bags sitting on a chair in the middle of the baby room. Provider corrected while specialist was present.

1903-D.5: Room Capacity

Not Met

1903-D.5: The number of children using a room shall be based on the 35 square feet per child requirement, except for dining, sleeping, and other non-routine activities such as film viewing and parties.

Finding:

1903-D.5: Room Capacity. Based on measurement, The number of children using a room was exceeded based on the 35 square feet per child requirement. The room can accommodate 10 children and 13 were present. Provider corrected by moving 3 children to another classroom that could accommodate them properly.

1907-E.2: Cribs Free of Toys and Other Soft or Loose Bedding

Not Met

1907-E.2: Cribs shall be free of toys and other soft or loose bedding, including comforters, blankets, sheets, bumper pads, pillows, stuffed animals and wedges when the child is in the crib.

Finding:

1907-E.2: Cribs Free of Toys and Other Soft or Loose Bedding: Based on observation, The center's cribs were not free of soft or loose bedding (including comforters, blankets, sheets, bumper pads, pillows, stuffed animals and wedges) while the child was in the crib as evidence by three infants were in their cribs with loose blankets in with them. Provider corrected upon observation.