

## 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:

1711A.&B.&D.&G: Child to Staff Ratio: Based on observation at approximately 10:45 AM, the center failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: 17 children ages 1 and 2 y/o children with 2 staff in the class preparing to eat lunch. The required ratio for children of this age is 7 children per 1 staff person. Specialist informed S6 and S7 of the error and S10 joined the class to return the class to compliance with child to staff ratio.

### 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.J.&K. Items That Can be Harmful to Children: Based on observations at approximately 10:50 AM, items that can be harmful to children, such as cleaning supplies and chemicals, and other potentially dangerous utensils, were not kept in a locked cabinet or other secure place that ensures they are inaccessible to children. Specialist observed the following

- a pair of blue and gold adult scissors in the caddy on top of the shelf in S9's classroom,
- a can of air freshener on the shelf of an unlocked cabinet which is accessible to children in S3's classroom.,
- a roll of empty plastic trash bags on the White and Grey vans used to transport center children accessible to children as evidence by the Specialist being able to reach in the green unlocked box and obtain them on each van.

S10 removed the scissor's from S9's classroom, and the air freshener from S3's classroom to correct the hazards observed. S1 removed both rolls of empty plastic trash bags from the center vehicles prior to the Specialist leaving the center.

### 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 observations at approximately 10:45 AM and 10:50 AM, the personal belongings of center staff members S3 and S9 was accessible to children. Specialist observed in S9's classroom in an unlocked cabinet underneath the sink that there was a brown leather Coach purse inside which was accessible to the children. Specialist observed in S3's classroom that there was a slate gray purse in the top of an unlocked cabinet which is accessible to children. S10 removed both purses from each classroom prior to the Specialist leaving the center.

### 1903.C.: Free of Hazards

Not Met

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

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### Finding:

1903.C. Based on observations at approximately 10:45 AM and 11:00 AM, the indoor and outdoor area was not free of hazards as evidenced by the following:

- a laminating machine sitting on a table which is accessible to the children in S9's classroom,
- a large vegetable can in the girls bathroom in the hallway which is holding the plunger,
- a metal yard sign stake that was lying on the side walk of the play yard,
- two rotting logs on the play yard that can be a splinter hazard.

S1 removed the vegetable can and metal yard sign stake prior to the Specialist leaving the center. S1 stated that she would have her husband remove the rotting logs from the play yard as soon as possible.

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### 2101.A.8.: Vehicle in Good Repair

**Not Met**

2101.A.8.: Vehicles shall be maintained in good repair.

### Finding:

2101.A.8. Based on observations at approximately 11:15 AM, the center's vehicle was not maintained in good repair as evidence by when the Specialist tried to open the rear door to the Gray Van, it was unable to be opened. S1 stated that she was going to take it to be repaired as soon as possible. Error was not corrected prior to the Specialist leaving the center.

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### 2103.E.: Master Transportation Log

**Not Met**

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1. A copy of the current master transportation log shall be maintained on file at the center and shall include the names of the children, the pickup and drop off locations, and the authorized persons to whom the children may be released. Documentation shall be maintained whether transportation is provided by the center or contracted.
2. Each driver or monitor, whether provided by the center or through a contractor, shall be provided a current master transportation log.

### Finding:

2103.E. Based on record review at approximately 2:30 PM, the center did not have documentation that the driver or attendant was provided with a master transportation log. Transportation is provided by center staff S1, S4, and S11. This error was not corrected prior to the Specialist leaving the center.

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