

Statement of Deficiencies

5305-I: Staff Attendance

Not Met

5305.I. A daily attendance record for staff, including the director/owner, to include the time of arrival and departure shall be maintained. Staff shall document in/out when not on the child care premises. This record shall accurately reflect persons on the child care premises at any given time.

Finding:

7305.I. (OLD TAG #5305.I.) The center's staff daily attendance record did not accurately reflect persons on the child care premises at any given time as evidenced by There were 7 staff signed in and 8 staff were present.

5306-B: Daily Schedule

Not Met

5306.B. A schedule of the day's plan of activities, allowing for flexibility and change, shall be posted. The program of activities shall be age-appropriate and shall be adhered to with reasonable closeness, but shall accommodate and have due regard for individual needs and differences among the children. The program shall provide time and materials for both vigorous and quiet activities for children to share or to be alone, indoor and outdoor play, and rest. Regular time shall be allowed for routines such as washing, lunch, rest, snacks and putting away toys. Active and quiet periods shall be alternated so as to guard against over-stimulation of the child.

Finding:

7306.B. (OLD TAG #5306.B.) The schedule of daily activities, allowing for flexibility and change were not posted for children ages 5 and up. The age range on the license is 6 weeks to 12 years.

5311-A.5: Criminal Record Check

Not Met

5311.A.5. A record for each paid and non-paid staff person, including substitutes and foster grandparents shall be on file at the center. Personnel record shall include documentation of a satisfactory criminal record check, as required by R.S.15:587.1. Provider shall request this clearance prior to the employment of any center staff. A criminal record clearance is not transferable from one employer to another. No staff with a criminal conviction of a felony, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere of a felony, or any offense of a violent or sexual nature, or any offense involving a juvenile victim shall be employed in a Class "A" child care center.

Finding:

7311.A.5. (OLD TAG #5311.A.5.) Provider failed to have documentation of a criminal record clearance for 1 of 11 staff: DOH 9-16-08 Has been working since 9/16/08 without clearance. Request was submitted by computer on 9/16/08. Staff shall not be present in the center until documentation of a criminal clearance has been received from Louisiana State Police.

5311-B.1: Criminal Record Check-Extracurricular

Not Met

5311.B.1. The following information shall be kept on file for therapeutic professionals and extracurricular personnel, e.g. computer instructor, dance instructor, librarian, tumble bus personnel, etc.: documentation of a satisfactory criminal record check, as required by R.S.15:587.1. Provider shall request this clearance prior to individual being present in the center. No individual with a criminal conviction of a felony, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere of a felony, or any offense of a violent or sexual nature, or any offense involving a juvenile victim shall be in a Class 'A' child care center. Note: Individuals employed by the school system may have on file at the center, a letter from school system administrative staff documenting that a criminal record clearance has been completed through Louisiana State Police.

Finding:

7311.B.1. (OLD TAG #5311.B.1.) The Provider did not have documentation of a satisfactory criminal record check, as required by Louisiana R.S. 15:587.1, for extracurricular personnel: SPEECH THERAPIST. Documentation of submission was not available prior to the individual being present in the center.

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5311-B.2: Information Extracurricular

Not Met

5311.B.2. The following information shall be kept on file for therapeutic professionals and extracurricular personnel, e.g. computer instructor, dance instructor, librarian, tumble bus personnel, etc.: documentation of their presence at the facility to include:

- name;
- date of visit;
- arrival and departure times; and
- reason in center.

Finding:

7311.B.2 (OLD TAG #5311.B.2.) Provider did not have documentation on file that therapeutic professionals, SPEECH THERAPIST, document their presence at the facility.

5319-K: Microwave

Not Met

5319.K. Microwave ovens shall not be used for warming infant bottles or infant food.

Finding:

7319.K. (OLD TAG #5319.K.) Infant food was warmed in the microwave oven. Staff in infant room said she warms microwavable foods that parents bring for the older infants.

5319-N.2: Baby Food

Not Met

5319.N.2. Baby food shall be in the original unopened container and labeled with the child's name or initials.

Finding:

7319.N.2 (OLD TAG #5319.N.2.) Baby food was not labeled with child's name or initials.

5323-B.3: Outdoor - Enclosed

Not Met

5323.B.3. The outdoor play space lacked an enclosure with a fence or other barrier in such a manner as to protect the children from traffic hazards, to prevent the children from leaving the premises without proper supervision, and to prevent contact with animals or unauthorized persons.

Finding:

7323.B. (OLD TAG #5323.B.3.) The outdoor play space lacked an enclosure with a fence or other barrier in such a manner as to protect the children from traffic hazards, to prevent the children from leaving the premises without proper supervision, and to prevent contact with animals or unauthorized persons.

- There is a large space between the Gate and gate post facing the field in back of the playground in which animals could enter the premises.

5325-F: Appropriate Equipment and Materials

Not Met

5325.F. All equipment and materials shall be appropriate to the needs and ages of the children enrolled.

Finding:

7325.F. (OLD TAG #5325.F.) The provider did not have equipment and materials appropriate to the needs and ages of the children enrolled as the age range on the license is 6 weeks to 12 years, and there is no equipment and or materials for children over the age of 8.

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5325-N: Sleeping Accommodations Labeled

Not Met

5325.N. Each child's sleeping accommodations shall be assigned to him/her on a permanent basis and labeled.

Finding:

7325.N. (OLD TAG #5325.N.) Each child's sleeping accommodations were not assigned to him/her on a permanent basis as they were not labeled. Not all cots and covers were labeled in the 1 year old and the 2 year old classrooms.

5325-Q: Labeled Sheets and Blanket for Covering

Not Met

5325.Q. A labeled sheet or blanket shall be provided by either the provider or the parent for covering the child.

Finding:

7325.Q. (OLD TAG #5325.Q.) The Provider nor the parent provided a labeled sheet or blanket for covering the child. Not all blankets were labeled in the 1 & 2 year old classrooms, and one child whose mother did not bring child's cover was using an absent child's blanket

5327-A: Locked Harmful Substances and Equipment

Not Met

5327.A. Prescription and over-the-counter medications, poisons, cleaning supplies, harmful chemicals, equipment, tools and any substance with a warning label stating it is harmful or that it should be kept out of the reach of children, shall be locked away from and inaccessible to children. Whether a cabinet or an entire room, the storage area shall be locked.

Finding:

7327.A (OLD TAG #5327.A.) Prescription and over-the counter medications, poisons, cleaning supplies, harmful chemicals, equipment, tools, and any substance with a warning label stating it is harmful to or that it should be kept out of the reach of children were not locked away from children as evidenced by: - In the 1 year old room, the cabinet with baby powder, Boudreaux's Butt Paste, diaper rash ointment, and baby lotion were in a cabinet with no lock and within children's reach.
- In the 2 year old room, bathroom cleaner, clorox wipes, toilet cleaner, Fabuloso, WD-40, wallpaper remover, comet cleanser & shaving cream were in a cabinet with no lock.

5327-H: Strings and Cords

Not Met

5327.H. Strings and cords (such as those found on window coverings) shall not be within the reach of children.

Finding:

7327.H. (OLD TAG #5327.H.) Strings and cords were within reach of children as:
- In the 3-4 year old classroom and electric cords from the A/C unit, radio and pencil sharpener were within reach of children.
- In the two year old classroom cords from the Television and VCR were within children's reach.

5327-J: Properly Heated, Cooled, Ventilated

Not Met

5327.J. All areas of the center used by the children, including sleep areas, shall be properly heated, cooled, and ventilated.

Finding:

7327.J. (OLD TAG #5327.J.) Areas of the center used by the children, including sleep areas, were not properly heated as Provider said the central heating system was broken and it was cold enough for staff to admit it was cold and to wear their jackets while in the center.

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5327-L: Clean of Hazards

Not Met

5327.L. The center and yard shall be clean and free from hazards.

Finding:

7327.L. (OLD TAG #5327.L.) The center and yard were not free of hazards as:

- Border around soft surface for the monkey bars is too close (about 12") from the monkey bars and if a child would fall from the top of the monkey bars (4 ft high), they could fall on the wooden border and hurt themselves. Also there is a rusty nail sticking out of one of border boards.
- There are wooden border poles in various places that are starting to split. This could cause splinters for the children.
- There is a spring rocking horse and rocking jet under a large tree, right next to large tree roots. If a child falls from the spring rockers they could easily hit one of the roots and could be harmed.
- The fence gate from the playground to the field in back of the center/playground, does not latch well, and the gate opens easily just by touching it. This could be harmful if children went into this field because they would have access to discarded toys, a fallen tree and fallen branches, a bent fence, and cans of paint, seal, and stain that are in an opened shed.
- One of the two 1 year old teachers brings the children to the two year old classroom, next to the bathroom, and changes them on the floor on a mat. The teacher did not sanitize the mat between the changing of each child and therefore their little bare bottoms are touching the unsanitized mat which could lead to the spread of bacteria from urine and/or fecal matter. Staff was also observed picking up the next child to be changed prior to changing her gloves.
- Two A/C units that are 5' 2" from the playground are not enclosed with barriers to prevent children from touching them. Provider's licensed age range is 6 weeks to 12 years, and the units could be reached by these older children.
- The door leading to the playground is warped and has areas that could cause children to get splinters on the exposed door.

5327-O: Fire Drills

Not Met

5327.O. Fire drills shall be conducted at least once per month. These shall be conducted at various times of the day and night (if nighttime care is provided) and shall be documented. Documentation shall include:

- date and time of drill;
- number of children present;
- amount of time to evacuate the center;
- problems noted during drill and corrections noted; and
- signatures (not initials) of staff present.

Finding:

7327.O. (5327.OLD TAG #5327.O.) The Provider did not have documentation on file that fire drills were conducted at least monthly at various times of the day. The last documented fire drill was 9/16/08. There was no fire drill for the month of October.