

## Statement of Deficiencies

### 1903.C.: Free of Hazards

Not Met

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

#### Finding:

NEW 1903.C. Based on observations at 12:11 p.m., the outdoor area was not free of hazards as the Specialist observed five exposed nails on loose wooden boards in the outdoor play yard that are hazardous to the 16 children present. S1 stated the fence was damaged during Hurricane Ida, the contractor was scheduled to finish the yard by 10/24/2021, but has not returned. S1 stated children have not used the play yard since the center reopened in September 2021, and will not be allowed to play in the yard until repairs are complete. S1 stated the hazards will be removed by 12/1/2021.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 11/19/2021, S1 stated he will check the play yard daily to ensure there are no hazards, prior to allowing the children to use the play yard to prevent being cited the deficiency again.

### 1903.E.5.: Outdoor - Enclosed

Not Met

1903.E.5.: Outdoor play space shall be enclosed with a permanent fence or other permanent barrier in a manner that protects children from traffic hazards, prevents children from leaving the premises without proper supervision, and prevents contact with animals or unauthorized persons.

#### Finding:

NEW 1903.E.5. Based on observations at 12:11 p.m., S1 failed to ensure the outdoor play space had an enclosure with a permanent fence or other permanent barrier in a manner that protects children from traffic hazards, prevents children from leaving the premises without proper supervision, and prevents contact with animals or unauthorized persons. The Specialist observed a section of the play yard's wooden fence was down, and wooden boards were broken and on the ground which is a hazard to the 16 children present. S1 stated the wooden fence was damaged during Hurricane Ida, and was supposed to be completed by 10/24/2021. S1 stated the children have not used the play yard since the center reopened in September 2021, and will not use it until repairs have been completed. S1 was informed that he failed to submit a waiver form to the Department, after sustaining damage from Hurricane Ida, to request that the center be able to operate while repairs to the damaged play yard were completed. S1 shall complete repairs to the play yard as soon as possible, and prior to the next licensing visit, to prevent being cited the deficiency again. S1 shall also contact the licensing consultant to inform the Department when repairs have been completed. S1 stated the repairs will be completed by 12/1/2021.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 10/22/2021, S1 stated he will check the outdoor play yard daily to ensure the fence is not hazardous to the children present, to ensure they are not cited the deficiency again.