Statement of Deficiencies

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Each center shall develop and implement a written behavior management policy describing the methods of behavior guidance and management that shall be used at the center.

The behavior management policy shall prohibit children from being subject to any of the following:

i. physical or corporal punishment which includes but is not limited to yelling, slapping, spanking, yanking, shaking, pinching, exposure to extreme temperatures or other measures producing physical pain, putting anything in the mouth of a child, requiring a child to exercise, or placing a child in an uncomfortable position.

ii. verbal abuse, which includes but is not limited to using offensive or profane language, telling a child to "shut up", or making derogatory remarks about children or family members of children in the presence of children;

iii. the threat of a prohibited action even if there is no intent to follow through with the threat;

- iv. being disciplined by another child;
- v. being bullied by another child;
- vi. being deprived of food or beverages;

vii. being restrained by devices such as high chairs or feeding tables for disciplinary purposes; and

viii. having active play time withheld for disciplinary purposes, except timeout may be used during active play time for an infraction incurred during the playtime.

Finding:

1509.A.8.a.&b. Behavior Management Policy: Based on record review and interview conducted at approximately 10:30am on 11/20/19: S18 used a prohibited method of discipline as infants were subject to corporal punishment and verbal abuse. S18 was observed yelling, telling a child to "shut up", using profane language, yanking, and flicking ears of the infants in her care. Other staff in the room stated that it was no specific child, as this is how she was with all the infants. There are typically around 16 infants in the class at a time.

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

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. Based on observations on 11/20/19 at approximately 8:30am: The center's cribs were not free of toys or other soft or loose bedding (including comforters, blankets, sheets, bumper pads, pillows, stuffed animals and wedges) while the child was in the crib. Specialist observed an infant sleeping in a crib with a sleep sack, not in use, under the infant, and a loose crib sheet in one crib where another infant was sleeping.

1911.K.: Hand Washing

1911.K.: Staff and children shall wash their hands using soap at least at the following times: upon arrival at the center, before preparing or serving meals, before giving medication, after playing in water used by more than one person, after toileting, after helping a child use a toilet or changing diapers, after wiping noses or cleaning wounds, after handling pets and other animals, after playing in sandboxes, before eating meals or snacks, upon coming in from outdoors, after cleaning or handling garbage and anytime hands become soiled with body fluids, such as urine, saliva, blood or nasal discharge.

Finding:

1911.K. Based on observations on 11/20/19 at approximately 8:35am: S7 did not wash their hands with soap and water as needed. Licensing Specialist observed that staff did not wash their hands after changing a child's diaper and prior to handling other children in the room.

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