

## Statement of Deficiencies

### 5305-H: Children's Daily Attendance

Not Met

5305.H. A daily attendance record for children, completed by the parent or center staff, including the time of arrival and departure of each child and the name of the person to whom the child was released, shall be maintained. This record shall accurately reflect the children on the child care premises at any given time. If the record is completed by center staff, that individual shall write the first and last name of the person to whom the child was released and sign his/her own name. Children who leave and return to the center during the day shall be signed in/out. A computerized sign in/out procedure is acceptable if the record accurately reflects the time of arrival and departure as well as the name of the person to whom the child was released.

**Finding:**

7305.H. OLD TAG #5305.H. The daily attendance log for children did not include the name of the person to whom the child was released. SOMETIMES MOTHER OR GRANDMOTHER OR FIRST NAME IS USED TO DOCUMENT TO WHOM RELEASED. STAFF WHO SIGNED, FOR GRANDMOTHER OR MOTHER DID NOT WRITE FIRST AND LAST NAME, NOR WAS STAFF'S FIRST AND LAST NAME DOCUMENTED.

### 5311-A.4: Health Statement

Not Met

5311.A.4. 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 a written statement of good health signed by a physician or designee. Health statement dated within three months prior to offer of employment or within one month after date of employment is acceptable. A health statement is required every three years. Originals shall be presented upon request.

**Finding:**

7311.A.4. (OLD TAG #5311.A.4.) Health records to include documentation of good health, signed by a physician or designee were not available for staff: DOH 7-30-09; 4-30-09; 7-23-09; 5-29-09.

### 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 CLEARANCE FOR STAFF DOH 5-29-09. PROVIDER STATED THAT SHE HAD A CLEARANCE, BUT IT HAS BEEN MISPLACED. STAFF SHALL NOT BE PRESENT IN THE CENTER UNTIL DOCUMENTATION OF A CRIMINAL CLEARANCE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM LOUISIANA STATE POLICE. PROVIDER HAD STAFF SIGN OUT AND DEPART FROM THE CENTER. PROVIDER STATED THAT SHE ADVISED STAFF THAT SHE WOULD BE NOTIFIED TO RETURN TO WORK ONCE THE CENTER RECEIVES THE CRIMINAL CLEARANCE.

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### 5315-A: Child-to-Staff Ratio

Not Met

5315.A. Child/staff ratios are established to ensure the safety of all children. Only those staff members directly involved in child care and supervision shall be considered in assessing child/staff ratio. Child/staff ratios shall be met at all times as the number of children supervised by one staff person shall not exceed the ratios as indicated below; however, there shall always be a minimum of two child care staff present during hours of operation when children are present:

Ages of Children	Child/Staff Ratio
Infants under 12 months	5:1
One year old	7:1
Two year old	11:1
Three year old	13:1
Four year old	15:1
Five year old	19:1
Six year old and up	23:1

An average of the child/staff ratio may be applied to mixed groups of children ages two, three, four, and five. Ratios for children under two or over five years old are excluded from averaging. When a mixed group includes children less than two years of age, the age of the youngest child determines the ratio for the group to which the youngest child is assigned. When a mixed group includes children both older and younger than six years old and older, the ages of the children less than six determine the ratio for the group. During naptime, required staffing shall be present in the center to satisfy child/staff ratios.

#### Finding:

7315.A. (OLD TAG #5315.A.) The Provider did not meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages:

Upon arrival at the center at 8:15 AM Specialist observed the following:

18 children ages 0-2 (2-0's; 8-1's; & 8-2's) with 2 staff. The required ratio for children age infant under 12 months is 5 children per 1 staff, for children age one, 7 children per 1 staff.

Another staff arrived and signed in at 8:20 AM, then Ratios were met.

Others on the premises meeting ratio as follows:

10 children age 3 with 1 staff.

### 5321-K: Incidents and Accidents

Not Met

5321.K. Incidents, injuries and accidents shall be documented. Documentation shall include name of child, date and time of incident, location where incident took place, description of how incident occurred, part of body involved, and actions taken. Documentation of all incidents/injuries/accidents shall include time of parental notification and signature of person notifying the parent. The parent or designated person shall be notified immediately in the following situations:

- blood not contained in an adhesive strip;
- head injury;
- human bite which breaks the skin;
- any animal bite;
- an impaled object;
- broken or dislodged teeth; or
- any injury requiring professional medical attention.

#### Finding:

7321.K. (OLD TAG #5321.K.) The Provider did not have documentation of immediate notification to the parent or designated person when the following occurred to a child: CHILD FELL AND HAD A BUMP ON THE BACK OF THE HEAD. Incident occurred at 10:30 AM on 5-21-09 and THERE WAS NO DOCUMENTATION OF PARENTAL NOTIFICATION. ON 5-21-09 AT 10:40 AM THERE IS DOCUMENTATION OF A BITE ON A CHILD'S FACE AND ON 9-17-09 THERE IS DOCUMENTATION OF A CHILD WHO CUT HIS BOTTOM LIP AT 3:35 PM. ON BOTH THESE ACCIDENT REPORTS THERE WAS NO DOCUMENTATION OF PARENTAL NOTIFICATION.

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### 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:

- THERE WERE CHEMICALS SUCH AS CLEANER W/BLEACH, FABULOSO, AIRWICK SPRAY, BABY LOTION AND POWDER NOT LOCKED NEXT TO THE TV AND ON A SHELF IN THE 2 YEAR OLD CLASSROOM.
- GERM-X AND WET ONES WERE WITHIN CHILDREN'S REACH IN THE 3-4 YEAR OLD CLASSROOM.
- IN THE 1 YEAR OLD ROOM NEXT TO THE KITCHEN, THERE WAS BABY POWDER, LOTION AND WET WIPES UNDER THE CHANGING TABLE WITHIN CHILDREN'S REACH. PROVIDER LOCKED AWAY ALL CHEMICALS.

### 5327-G: Electrical Plug Covers

Not Met

5327.G. Unused electrical outlets shall be protected by a safety plug cover.

#### Finding:

7327.G. (OLD TAG #5327.G.) Unused electrical outlets were not protected by a safety plug cover in the 1, 2, AND 3-4 year old classrooms. Provider covered these outlets when Specialist pointed them out.

### 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:

BACK 1 YEAR OLD CLASSROOM:

-TV/CABLE CORDS WERE WITHIN CHILDREN'S REACH. PROVIDER FIXED THE PROBLEM TEMPORARILY WITH ELECTRIC TAPE AND STATED THEY WOULD LOOK FOR A MORE PERMANENT FIX.

INFANT TO 1 YEAR OLD CLASSROOM:

-A/C CORD CONTAINED IN A CASING WAS NOT SECURED TO THE WALL AND WAS WITHIN CHILDREN'S REACH FROM A CRIB.

IN THE ONE YEAR OLD CLASSROOM NEXT TO THE KITCHEN:

-CORDS FROM BAMBOO BLINDS WERE WITHIN CHILDREN'S REACH.

2 YEAR OLD CLASSROOM:

-CORDS FROM LIGHTS ON THE CHRISTMAS TREE; RADIO CORDS UNDER A TABLE; TV VCR CORDS WERE WITHIN CHILDREN'S REACH.

-CORDS FROM BACKPACKS AND BOOKSACKS ON HOOKS WERE WITHIN CHILDREN'S REACH.

PROVIDER SECURED ALL CORDS IN THE 2 YEAR OLD CLASSROOM.

-THERE WAS AN UNLOCKED CLOSET WITH A VACUUM AND LOOSE CORDS WITHIN IN CHILDREN'S REACH.

3-4 YEAR OLD CLASSROOM:

-CORDS FROM AN ELECTRIC STRIP IN WHICH THE TV WAS PLUGGED INTO WAS WITHIN CHILDREN'S REACH.

-THERE WAS AN UNLOCKED CLOSET WITH A FAN AND THE LOOSE CORDS ON THE FLOOR WITHIN CHILDREN'S REACH.

\*\*\*PROVIDER SECURED ALL STRINGS AND CORDS FROM CHILDREN WHILE SPECIALIST WAS PRESENT.

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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:

2 YEAR OLD CLASSROOM:

-THERE WERE STACKED CHAIRS THAT IF CHILDREN BUMPED OR TRIED TO CLIMB ONTO COULD FALL ON THEM. PROVIDER UNSTACKED THE CHAIRS.

- THERE WAS A GARBAGE DISPENSER WITH A PLASTIC LINER HANGING OUT ABOUT 10-12 INCHES PRESENTING A SMOTHERING HAZARD. PROVIDER REMOVED THE EXCESS PLASTIC BY TIGHTENING THE PLASTIC LINER.

-IN AN UNLOCKED/OPENED CLOSET WERE SOME COTS IN AN UPRIGHT POSITION THAT WHEN TOUCH WOULD FALL AND THIS COULD INJURE THE CHILDREN. PROVIDER PUT A LOCK ON THE DOOR AND LOCKED IT.

-THERE WAS A TABLE ABOUT 1 1/2 FT HIGH OFF OF THE FLOOR WITH A FRONT FACIAL BOARD THAT IS CRACKED/SPLIT AND WITHIN CHILDREN'S REACH. THIS SPLIT IN THE WOOD WAS SHARP AND COULD CAUSE A SCRATCH OR SPLINTER. PROVIDER TURNED THE SIDE OF THE TABLE TO THE WALL TO KEEP IT FROM CHILDREN'S ACCESS.

-THERE WAS A CABINET DOOR ABOUT 20" W x 36" TALL AND WEIGHED ABOUT 15 TO 20 POUNDS. THIS DOOR WAS OFF OF THE BOTTOM HINGE AND ONE OF THE SCREWS IN THE TOP HINGE WAS COMING LOOSE. THIS DOOR COULD HAVE FALLEN ON A CHILD. PROVIDER REMOVED THE DOOR.

- THERE WAS A BROKEN BOTTOM TO A ROCKING CHAIR THAT COULD HAVE HARMED A CHILD WHO MAY HAVE TRIED TO CLIMB OR SIT. PROVIDER REMOVED IT FROM THE CLASSROOM.

3-4 CLASSROOM:

-THERE WAS AN ELECTRIC OUTLET THAT HAD BEEN SECURED TO THE WALL WITH ELECTRIC TAPE THAT WAS COMING UP. IN ORDER TO SECURE THE OUTLET, PROVIDER SCREWED IT TO THE WALL.

-THE GARBAGE DISPENSER HAD THE PLASTIC LINER HANGING OUT ABOUT 8 TO 10 INCHES. PROVIDER REMOVED THE EXCESS PLASTIC.

IN THE 2 YEAR OLD CLASSROOM NEXT TO THE KITCHEN:

THERE WERE 4 OF 8 SEATS IN A FEEDING TABLE WITH NO SAFETY STRAPS. SPECIALIST DID OBSERVE CHILDREN IN THESE SEATS. PROVIDER STATED THAT THEY WOULD REPLACE THEM BY NEXT WEEK.

-THE GARBAGE DISPENSER HAD THE PLASTIC LINER HANGING OUT ABOUT 8 TO 10 INCHES. PROVIDER REMOVED THE EXCESS PLASTIC.

PLAYGROUND:

-RUBBER BOARDER COMING UP FROM THE GROUND THAT PRESENTS A TRIPPING HAZARD. PROVIDER STATED THEY COULD HAVE IT REMOVED WITHIN 2 WEEKS FROM 12-3-09.

-THERE WERE BRANCHES HANGING CLOSE TO THE GROUND FROM THE LARGE TREE NEXT TO JULIAN CIRCLE. CHILDREN COULD RUN INTO THESE BRANCHES AND GET SCRATCHED OR POKED BY THESE BRANCHES. PROVIDER STATED THEY COULD HAVE THESE BRANCHES REMOVED WITHIN 2 WEEKS.

-THERE WERE SOME WOODEN BORDERS NEXT TO THE TREES AND JULIEN STREET THAT PRESENTED A TRIPPING AND SPLINTER HAZARD. PROVIDER REMOVED THEM FROM THE PLAYGROUND.

-FACING THE CENTER ON THE LEFT SIDE THERE IS PLYWOOD NAILED TO FILL A GAP BETWEEN THE CENTER AND THE FENCE. THE BOARD SCREWS HAD COME OUT OF THE WOOD. PROVIDER SCREWED THESE BOARDS AS A TEMPORARY FIX, AND STATED THAT THEY WOULD FIX THIS AREA PERMANENTLY WITHIN 2 WEEKS FROM 12-3-09.

-THERE WERE TWO 4 X 4" WOODEN POSTS APPROXIMATELY 13' LONG ON THE GROUND NEXT TO THE BUILDING THAT COULD CAUSE HARM TO CHILDREN IF THEY STEPPED ON THEM. THESE WERE REMOVED FROM THE PLAYGROUND.

### 5327-P: Visual Check of Center

Not Met

5327.P. The entire center shall be checked after the last child departs to ensure that no child is left unattended at the center. Documentation shall include date, time, and signature of staff conducting the visual check.

#### Finding:

7327.P. (OLD TAG #5327.P.) Documentation of the visual check did not contain the time of staff conducting the visual check for the last 3 days.