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Wanda McElrath, Program Official

Date

Neli Todorova, Consultant

Date

Colleen Covey, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

Date: 9/19/2017 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:10 AM **Departure:** 12:10 PM

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

290-2-3-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)

Met

Comment

Discussed Toys rotation to Enhance Learning Environment.

290-2-3-.19 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(CR)

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping requirements.

290-2-3-.07 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Child # 1	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Immunization Form - (.08)(1)(c)	
Child # 2	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Immunization Form - (.08)(1)(c)	
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	

290-2-3-.08 Children's Records

Not Met

Finding

It was determined based on review of records that five of the six enrolled children did not have evidence of current Immunization record on file on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Previously Cited: The Home Provider will ensure that an immunization record/signed affidavit is on file for each enrolled Child.

The Home Provider will ensure that an immunization record/signed affidavit is on file for each enrolled Child.

Correction Deadline: 9/26/2017

Recited on 9/19/2017

Facility

290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.11(2)(a) requires the Home to have a written plan for handling emergencies, including but not limited to fire, severe weather, loss of electrical power or water, and death, serious injury or loss of a child, a threatening event, or natural disaster which may occur at the Home. The Home will have in place procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, lock-down, communication and reunification with families, continuity of operations, accommodation of infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children with chronic medical conditions. No Home personnel shall impede in any way the delivery of emergency care or services to a child by licensed or certified emergency health care professionals. It was determined based on consultant's review of provider's current emergency plan did not include all the required components.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will complete a written plan for emergencies.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2017

Finding

290-2-3-.11(2)(h) requires at least one UL Approved smoke detector to be on each floor of the Home and such detectors to be maintained in working order. At least one 2-A:10-B:C fire extinguisher shall be kept in the child care area to be located no more than thirty feet from the kitchen. The extinguisher shall be maintained in working order and shall be inaccessible to the children. It was determined based on consultant's observation that the smoke detector was not working on this date. Consultant observed a working fire extinguisher on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The home provider will ensure that a working smoke detector is on each floor and a working fire extinguisher is available in the child care area as required, and is maintained inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2017

290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)

Met

Comment

Home Clean, Free of Hazards

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) - Consultant discussed with provider to make sure that outside toys that have tears and rust are made inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2017

Comment

No Pool on Property

Health and Hygiene

290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR) Met

Comment

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) Met

Comment

Provider Stated Appropriate Diapering

290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR) Met

Comment

Provider stated that no medication is dispensed at the home.

Licensure

290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR) Met

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2017

Corrected on 9/19/2017

.04(1)(d) - Previous citation corrected on this date as consultant observed four children present and six total enrolled on this date.

Comment

Appropriate number of children

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.11(1)(n) requires pets in the Home be properly vaccinated in accordance with the requirements of the local county Boards of Health. Unconfined pets shall not be permitted in child care areas when any Child is present except for supervised learning experiences. It was determined by a review of files that there was no evidence of current vaccination for either of the two dogs.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will ensure that all animals are properly vaccinated and that unconfined animals are not allowed in child care areas.

Correction Deadline: 9/26/2017

Recited on 9/19/2017

290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR) Met

Comment

Pleasant Interactions Observed

290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.11(2)(j) - Consultant observed parental permission for field trips on the children's enrollment forms. Provider stated that no transportation is provided. Consultant discussed with provider applicable rules and documentation in case transportation is offered in the future.

Staff Records

290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records Check(CR)**Met****Comment**

Consultant observed Criminal Records Check complete for provider, spouse and son on this date.

290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR**Met****Comment**

Observed-Provider Certified First Aid & CPR

290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Consultant observed compliance with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Health/Safety training completed. Certificate was observed on file.

290-2-3-.08 Staff Training**Defer**

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2017

Corrected on 9/19/2017

.08(6) - Previous citation corrected as consultant observed 10 hours of annual training for 2017 on file on this date.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)**Met****Comment**

Appropriate Ratios Observed

290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)**Met**

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2017

Corrected on 9/19/2017

.07(8) - Previous citation corrected on this date as consultant observed adequate supervision.