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Children's Worksheet

Date: 10/13/2021 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-35960

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Complaint Report

Date: 11/2/2021 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation **Arrival:** 10:15 AM **Departure:** 2:25 PM
Follow Up

CCLC-19

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Complaint Investigation Follow Up

Chapter - 591-1-1-.32 Supervision

Incident Date - 10/25/2021

Rule - .32(7) Supervision-Watchful Oversight

Allegation - Under Investigation

It was reported that on October 25, 2021 at 5:15 p.m., a toddler was not being supervised when the child was allowed to walk out of the center's front door into the parking lot. No injury was reported.

Director's Response

See attached.

Investigative Findings

November 2, 2021: Investigative findings were not concluded on this date.

December 20, 2021: Investigative findings were concluded on this date.

Based on investigative findings which included staff statements and interviews, parent statements and interviews, photographs, witness interview and statement, and the center's self-report to the Department, the allegation was determined to be substantiated. On October 25, 2021, at or near 5:15 p.m. a one-year-old child followed a staff member out of the building and was not noticed by the staff member. According to staff statements and interviews and a witness statement and interview, the child made it to the first parking space of the center's parking lot. The child was then brought back inside of the center by a center parent. A staff statement and interview revealed that the child had followed the teacher out of the building when the staff member was taking out trash. The staff member did not see the child following behind them. The staff member did not ensure adequate supervision and watchful oversight as they were preparing to finish their shift on the date in question. The staff member did not make sure that the grouping of children which they were responsible for were properly transitioned and accounted for by the next staff member. Based on the preponderance of evidence, the allegation was determined to be substantiated. The center was not equipped with video cameras. The center self-reported the incident to the Department in a timely manner. No professional medical attention was reported.

Additionally, a second incident regarding supervision and watchful oversight was found as a result of the investigation. On October 25, 2021, a one-year-old child was not immediately located at the time of their pick up. Staff time sheets indicated that the staff member clocked out at 5:20 p.m. and attendance records indicated that the child was picked up from the center at 5:15 p.m. According to staff statements and interviews a parent arrived at the center to pick up the child and the child was not immediately located. The staff member did not ensure adequate supervision and watchful oversight as they were preparing to finish their shift on the date in question. The staff member did not make sure that the grouping of children which they were responsible for were properly transitioned and accounted for by the next staff member. The child was found by a staff member unsupervised in an unoccupied classroom area. No professional medical attention was reported for the child. The center was not equipped with video cameras. This incident was not self-reported to the Department.

Related Findings

A related finding for the center's failure to self-report the second incident of a missing child to the Department that occurred on October 25, 2021, was also cited during the investigation.



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Findings Report

Date: 10/6/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 3:00 PM

Departure: 4:00 PM

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

Comment

No children enrolled who require diapering. School age children attend only for after school hours.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)	Met
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Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)	Met
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Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

	Safety
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591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)	Met
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Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	Met
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Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

	Sleeping & Resting Equipment
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591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	Met
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Comment

Sleeping/Naps are not required for this program. School age children attend only for after school hours.

	Staff Records
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Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2018	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/12/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 09/04/2018	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2018	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2018	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 08/11/2019	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)	Met
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Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Defer
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Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)-Training will be reviewed during the 2022 regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 6/25/2021

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)	Met
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Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)	Met
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Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)	Met
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Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.