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Inspection Report

Provider Name: Tree Top Toddlers Childcare Center	Provider Information	CLR No: L383201
Provider Address: 300 West Hwy 635, Science Hill, KY, 42553	Provider Type: LICENSED TYPE I	Capacity: 88
Owner(s): Tree Top Toddlers Childcare Center, Inc.		Director(s): Keith, Laura Jean

Inspection Type: Renewal Application	Inspection Information	Inspection No: 320673
Date Initiated: 04/01/2022 9:00 AM	Date Concluded: 04/01/2022 11:40 AM	
	No. of Children Present: 21	

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Background Checks	Not In Compliance
5 - Background check/left alone/dismissed/relocated	Not In Compliance
<p>922 KAR 2:280. Section 3. Implementation and Enforcement.</p> <p>(1) A person who is a child care staff member prior to January 1, 2018, shall submit to and complete background checks in accordance with this administrative regulation no later than September 30, 2018.</p> <p>(2) A child care staff member hired on or after April 1, 2018, shall:</p> <p>(a) Have completed the background checks required in accordance with this administrative regulation and been found to have no disqualifying offense prior to becoming a child care staff member; or</p> <p>(b) 1. Have submitted to the background checks required in accordance with this administrative regulation;</p> <p>2. Not be left unsupervised with a child in care pending the completion of the background checks in accordance with this administrative regulation; and</p> <p>3. Be dismissed or relocated from the residence if the person is found to have a disqualifying background check result.</p>	
Findings:	
General: Based on review of the Kentucky National Background Check Service, the surveyor found the following:	
1. A staff (DOH: 02/16/22) had a completed background check with an eligibility date of 02/25/22; therefore, the staff person was hired prior to clearance for employment. During interview, staff-in-charge stated that the staff person did not work alone with children during that time period. Staff-in-charge stated that she was not aware that the staff person had to submit to fingerprints prior to beginning employment. The staff's file did not contain a completed Child Abuse/Neglect Background Check or Criminal Records Background Check.	
2. A staff (DOH: 03/28/22) had a completed background check with an eligibility date of 03/31/22 and fingerprint submit date of 03/31/22; therefore, the staff person was hired prior to clearance for employment. During interview, staff-in-charge stated that she was not aware that the staff person had to submit to fingerprints prior to beginning employment. The staff's file did not contain a completed Child Abuse/Neglect Background Check or Criminal Records Background Check.	
Supervision	In Compliance
Staffing Requirements	In Compliance

225 - Licensee Responsibility

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:090. Section 8. General.

(1) A licensee shall:

- (a) Be responsible for the operation of the child-care center pursuant to this administrative regulation, 922 KAR 2:120, and 922 KAR 2:280; and
- (b) Protect and assure the health, safety, and comfort of each child.

Findings:

General: Based on observation and review of documentation, the surveyor found the following:

1. A staff's (DOH: 03/31/22) file contained a copy of a Child Abuse/Neglect Background Check (CAN) that was sent on 03/31/22. The CAN check verified that the staff person lived in Ohio in the last five (5) years. During interview, staff-in-charge stated that the staff person was seventeen (17) years of age. Staff-in-charge stated that the staff person has not worked alone with children. The surveyor did not observe the staff person working alone with children. Staff-in-charge stated that she had not submitted a background check to the state of Ohio for the staff person.
2. A plunger located beside the toilet in the restroom in the Infant Classroom. The plunger was observed to be accessible to the children.
3. Two (2) staple removers, one (1) pad, and one (1) tube of Triple Antibiotic Ointment located inside a cabinet drawer in the Infant Classroom. The safety lock was observed to not be latching properly.
4. A large white board leaned on the wall in the Dining Room that did not appear to be secured. The surveyor observed a small gray table placed in front and on the end of the white board.
5. A container of Air-Dry Clay placed on a shelf in the Dining Room that stated "Not suitable for children under thirty-six (36) months due to small parts which may cause a choking hazard if swallowed."
6. Two (2) Germ-X bottles placed on the sink located in the Two Year Old Classroom that stated "Keep Out of the Reach of Children" on the labels.
7. One (1) tube of Eczema Relief Cream, one (1) tube of Aquaphor Healing Ointment, and one (1) tube of Boudreaux Butt Paste located inside an unlocked drawer in the Two-Three Year Old Classroom that stated "Keep Out of the Reach of Children" on the labels.
8. A bottle of Hand Sanitizer that stated "Keep Out of the Reach of Children" on the label located on a shelf beside the door in the Three Year Old Classroom.
9. A box of paint supplies that contained paint roller frames, paint rollers, sanding blocks, and a tub of 3M Patch Plus Primer that stated "Keep Out of the Reach of Children" on the label and other items located inside a brown box placed on the floor in the Three Year Old Classroom.
10. A brown box placed in the floor in the Three Year Old Classroom that contained a plastic package that stated "Alfie" and stated "Suffocation Warning. Plastic bags can be dangerous. To avoid danger of suffocation, please keep this bag away from babies and children, and other items.
11. Two (2) boxes stacked on top of each other and placed on a small child sized table in the Three Year Old Classroom.
12. What appeared to be a blue wooden cover over an electrical box located on the wall in the Three Year Old Classroom that had the flat end of a loose nail sticking out.

During interview, staff-in-charge stated that the Two Year Old Classroom and Three Year Old Classrooms were not currently being utilized by the children. Staff-in-charge stated that she had moved the items mentioned into the Three Year Old Classroom the day before the surveyors visit on approximately 03/31/22 due to the classroom not currently being utilized by children. Staff-in-charge stated that she would move the items mentioned out of the classroom as soon as possible.

Director Requirements

In Compliance

Employee Records

In Compliance

Programming

In Compliance

Premises

Not In Compliance

565 - Inaccessible Items

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:120. Section 3. General Requirements.

(7) The following shall be inaccessible to a child in care:

- (a) Toxic cleaning supplies, poisons, and insecticides;
- (b) Matches, cigarettes, lighters, and flammable liquids; and
- (c) Personal belongings and medications of staff.

Findings:

General: Based on observation, the surveyor found one (1) bottle of Clorox and one (1) container of Great Value Disinfecting Wipes placed in an unlocked cabinet under the sink in the restroom located in the Infant Classroom. The items mentioned were observed to be accessible to the children.

585 - Premises Requirements

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:120. Section 4. Premises Requirements.

- (1) The premises shall be:**
(a) Suitable for the purpose intended;
(b) Kept clean and in good repair;

Findings:

General: Based on observation, the surveyor found the following:

1. A "Welcome to Tree Top Toddlers" rug in the School Age Classroom that contained debris; therefore, the rug was not kept clean.
2. Dirt/debris on the floor around the exit door that leads to the playground in the School Age Classroom; therefore, the floor was not kept clean.
3. A spider web on the baseboard located by the exit door that leads to the playground in the School Age Classroom; therefore, the baseboard was not kept clean.
4. Dust on a black rolling stand that contained a television located in the School Age Classroom; therefore, the rolling stand was not kept clean.
5. Debris on the floor around a toy kitchen set in the Two-Three Year Old Classroom; therefore, the floor was not kept clean.
6. Steps under the diaper changing station that contained debris; therefore, the steps were not kept clean.
7. Debris on the window ledge in the One Year Old Classroom; therefore, the window ledge was not kept clean.
8. Debris on the floor under the window in the One Year Old Classroom; therefore, the floor was not kept clean.
9. A yellow substance on the sink by the hot water knob and in the bowl in the One Year Old Classroom; therefore, the sink was not kept clean.

625 - Floors, Walls, Ceilings

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:120. Section 4. Premises Requirements.

- (9) Floors, walls, and ceilings shall be smooth, in good repair, and constructed to be easily cleaned.**

Findings:

General: Based on observation, the surveyor found the following:

1. One (1) ceiling tile located in the back corner of the School Age Classroom that contained what appeared to be a water stain; therefore, the ceiling tile was not kept in good repair.
2. One (1) ceiling tile that appeared to be slid over and exposing insulation located beside a storage closet in the Two Year Old Classroom; therefore, the ceiling tile was not kept in good repair.
3. One (1) ceiling tile that was exposing a small gap located in the back corner of the Three Year Old Classroom; therefore, the ceiling tile was not kept in good repair.
4. One (1) ceiling tile that was exposing a gap along the edge located in the front corner of the Three Year Old Classroom above a set of cubbies; therefore, the ceiling tile was not kept in good repair.

695 - Toilet

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:120. Section 12. Toilet, Diapering, and Toiletry Requirements.

- (4) Each toilet shall:**
(a) Be kept in clean condition;
(b) Be kept in good repair;
(c) Be in a lighted room; and
(d) Have ventilation to outside air.

Findings:

General: Based on observation, the surveyor found the following:

1. Two (2) toilet seat caps were missing from the toilet where the seat connects and a brown build-up was observed around the bolts located in the girls' restroom in the Four-Five Year Old Classroom; therefore, the toilet was not kept in clean condition.
2. Two (2) toilet seat caps were missing from the toilet where the seat connects and a brown build-up was observed around the bolts located in the boys' restroom in the Four-Five Year Old Classroom; therefore, the toilet was not kept in clean condition.
3. A light brown build-up around the toilet seat caps/hinges on the toilet located in the restroom in the Infant Classroom; therefore, the toilet was not kept in clean condition.
4. The toilet seat moved easily and was not tightly secured to the first toilet in the first restroom located in the hallway by the Two Year Old Classroom; therefore, the toilet was not kept in good repair.

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Hygienic Practices

Not In Compliance

730 - Diaper Changing Area/Surface

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:120. Section 12. Toilet, Diapering, and Toiletry Requirements.

(10) When a child is diapered, the child shall:

(b) Be placed on a surface that is:

- 1. Clean;**
- 2. Padded;**
- 3. Free of holes, rips, tears, or other damage;**
- 4. Nonabsorbent;**
- 5. Easily cleaned; and**
- 6. Free of any items not used for diaper changing.**

Findings:

General: Based on observation, the surveyor found the following:

- 1. Debris on the diaper changing table underneath the diaper changing pad in the Two Year Old Classroom; therefore, the diaper changing surface was not kept clean.
- 2. Debris on the diaper changing table underneath the diaper changing pad in the Two-Three Year Old Classroom; therefore, the diaper changing surface was not kept clean.
- 3. Approximately four (4) towels and four (4) blankets, and approximately twenty (20) orange fabric/foam pieces placed on top of the diaper changing pad in the Two Year Old Classroom; therefore, the diaper changing surface was not kept free of any items not used for diaper changing.

First Aid/Medication

In Compliance

Outdoor Play Area

Not In Compliance

795 - Playground Conditions

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:120. Section 4. Premises Requirements.

(20) An outdoor play area shall be:

- (d) Safe from foreseeable hazard;**
- (e) Well drained;**
- (f) Well maintained;**
- (g) In good repair; and**
- (h) Visible to staff at all times.**

Findings:

General: Based on observation, the surveyor found the following:

- 1. A slab of uneven concrete located by the exit door that leads to the playground; therefore, the concrete created a tripping hazard for the children.
- 2. A loose black cable/wire coming down from a meter box and leading into a blue pole attached to the side of the child-care center building located on the playground. The cable/wire appeared to be within reach of the children.

800 - Protective Surface

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:120. Section 4. Premises Requirements.

(21) A protective surface shall:

(a) Be provided for outdoor play equipment used to:

- 1. Climb;**
- 2. Swing; and**
- 3. Slide; and**

(b) Have a fall zone equal to the height of the equipment.

Findings:

General: Based on observation, the surveyor found the following:

- 1. The protective surface around a climbing structure with approximately four (4) slides and a set of monkey bars was depleted and did not have an adequate fall zone.
- 2. The protective surface around the following play structures was observed to be depleted and to not have an adequate fall zone: A small red metal climbing structure with one (1) yellow slide, One (1) blue/purple climbing structure, One (1) plastic yellow slide, One (1) plastic climbing structure with one (1) blue slide and one (1) green slide, and one (1) small plastic climbing structure with one (1) slide.

During interview, staff-in-charge stated that they have new mulch to put on the playground when the weather permitted. The surveyor observed a pile of mulch located outside the playground fence.

Equipment

Not In Compliance

860 - Toys/Furniture

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:120. Section 13. Toys and Furnishings.

(1) All toys and furniture contacted by a child shall be:

- (a) Kept clean and in good repair; and**
- (b) Free of peeling, flaking, or chalking paint.**

Findings:

General: Based on observation, the surveyor found a brown couch in the School Age Classroom that was soiled with a dark residue; therefore, the couch was not kept clean.

Transportation

In Compliance

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Kitchen Requirements

In Compliance

Food Service

In Compliance

Meal Planning/Center Provides Meals

In Compliance

Meal Planning/Center Does Not Provide Meals

In Compliance

Children's Records

In Compliance

Written Documentation

Not In Compliance

1280 - Professional Development

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:090. Section 9. Records.

(1) A child-care center shall maintain:

(f) A written annual plan for child-care staff professional development;

Findings:

General: Based on review of documentation, the surveyor found that a staff's (DOH: 02/18/14) file contained a professional development plan dated 06/16/20; therefore, the plan was not completed annually. During interview, staff-in-charge stated that she did not have an up-to-date professional development plan for the staff person mentioned.

Posted Documentation

In Compliance

Animals

In Compliance

Signature of Provider/Representative

Title

Date