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Inspection Report

Provider Information

Provider Type: LICENSED TYPE I

License No: L383370 Capacity: 60

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Director(s): Dahms, Sara Elaine

Owner(s): Little Treehouse Learning Center LLC

Provider Name: Little Treehouse Learning Center

Provider Address: 115 Kennedy Drive, Ft. Wright, KY, 41017

Inspection Information

Inspection Type: Investigation

Visit Start Date: 06/24/2015 9:40 AM

Visit En

Visit End Date: 06/24/2015 10:30 AM

No. of Children Present: 22

Inspection No: 191075

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Supervision

5 - Children Supervised Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:120. Section 2. Child Care Services.

(3)(a) Each center shall maintain a child-care program that assures each child will be:

- 1. Provided with adequate supervision at all times by a qualified staff person who:
- a. Ensures the child is within scope of vision and range of voice; or
- b. For a school-age child, within scope of vision or range of voice;

Findings:

General: Based on Observation, upon entering the facility a nine-year-old child and an eleven-year-old child were observed playing in the Director's office. There was no staff in the office with the children. The children remained in the office for more than six (6) minutes without supervision.



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Staffing Requirements

40 - Ratios and Group Size Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:120. Section 2. Child Care Services.

(2) Minimum staff-to-child ratios and group size for an operating child-care center shall be maintained as follows:

Age of Children Ratio Maximum Group Size*

Infant

1 staff for 5 children 10

Toddler

1 staff for 6 children 12

Preschool-age 2 to 3 years

1 staff for 10 children 20

Preschool-age 3 to 4 years

1 staff for 12 children 24

Preschool-age 4 to 5 years

1 staff for 14 children 28

School-age 5 to 7 years

1 staff for 15 children 30

School-age 7 and older

1 staff for 25 children (for before and after school) 30

1 staff for 20 children

(full day of care) 30

*Maximum Group Size shall be applicable only to Type I child-care centers.

Findings:

General: Based on Interview, 1. Upon arrival at the facility, the Surveyor saw the facility Director coming out of the door of the facility. When the Director saw the Surveyor she went back inside. In an interview with staff it was found that one (1) staff person was left alone with seven (7) infants for an undetermined amount of time. The Director stated that she had left the staff person alone in the infant classroom to get something out of her car in the parking lot. However, in an interview with staff it was found that the Director was leaving the facility to go to Wal-Mart. 2. In an interview with staff it was found that the Preschool classroom was often out of compliance with the required child/staff ratio. Based on a review of the attendance sheets for the Preschool classroom the following was found: 1) On 6/15/15 there were eleven (11) children, ages two (2) years to six (6) years , present in the Preschool classroom with one (1) staff person; 2) On 6/18/15 there were thirteen (13) children, ages two (2) years to six (6) years , present in the Preschool classroom with one (1) staff person; 3) On 6/22/15 there were fourteen (14) children, ages two (2) years to six (6) years , present in the Preschool classroom with one (1) staff person; 4) On 6/23/15 there were eleven (11) children, ages two (2) years to six (6) years , present in the Preschool classroom with one (1) staff person; 3) In an interview with staff it was found that there are often times when there are eleven (11) children being cared for in the Infant classroom.

Programming

350 - Program of Activities Followed

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:120. Section 2. Child Care Services.

(4) The child-care center shall provide a daily planned program:

- (a) Posted in writing in a conspicuous location with each age group and followed;
- (b) Of activities that are individualized and developmentally appropriate for each child served;
- (c) That provides experience to promote the individual child's physical, emotional, social, and intellectual growth and well-being; and
- (d) That offers a variety of creative activities including the following:
- 1. Art;
- 2. Music:
- 3. Dramatic play;
- 4. Stories and books;
- 5. Science;
- 6. Block building;
- 7. Tactile activity;
- 8. Culture:
- 9. Indoor or outdoor play in which a child makes use of both small and large muscles;
- 10. A balance of active and quiet play, including group and individual activity;
- 11. An opportunity for a child to:
- a. Have some free choice of activities;
- b. If desired, play apart from the group at times;

Findings:

General: Based on Observation, there were fifteen (15) children participating in water-play outside the facility. The children ranged in age from one (1) year to eleven (11) years and there was only one (1) sprinkler for the children to play with. It is not developmentally appropriate for theses age groups to be combined for this type of activity.

420 - Infant Sleep Position

In Compliance

922 KAR 2:120. Section 6. Sleeping and Napping Requirements.

(1) An infant shall sleep or nap on the infant's back unless the infant's health professional signs a waiver that states the infant requires an alternate sleeping position.



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435 - Bedding/Toys in Crib Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:120. Section 6. Sleeping and Napping Requirements.

- (3) Rest time shall include adequate space specified by the child's age as follows:
- (a) For an infant:
- 3. No loose bedding; and
- 4. No toys or other items except the infant's pacifier;

Findings:

General: Based on Observation, 1. A 4-month-old child was observed sleeping in a crib with a thick fluffy blanket over the child's face.

2. There was a ten-month-old child sleeping in a crib with a stuffed animal.

3. There were three (3) infants sleeping in cribs with pacifiers that had stuffed animals attached to them.

Food Service

1055 - Breakfast Requirements

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:120. Section 9. Food and Meal Requirements.

- (17) Breakfast shall include:
 - (a) Milk;
 - (b) Bread; and
 - (c)1. Fruit;
- 2. Vegetable; or
- 3. 100 percent juice.

Findings:

General: Based on Observation, the children were served cereal and water for breakfast on the day of the investigation. In an interview with staff it was found that no other components were offered to the children.

Children's Records

1080 - Documentation for Off Premise Trip

Not In Compliance

- 922 KAR 2:110. Section 3. Records.
- (1) A child-care center shall maintain:
- (b) A written record for each child:
- 3. To contain:
- g. A permission form for each trip off the premises signed by the child's parent in accordance with 922 KAR 2:120, Section 12;

Findings:

General: Based on Observation, the children were having water-play outside in an unfenced area next to the facility. In an interview with staff it was determined that the facility had not obtained parental permission for the children to participate in an activity outside the licensed space.

Written Documentation

1095 - Daily Attendance Records

Not In Compliance

- 922 KAR 2:110. Section 3. Records.
- (1) A child-care center shall maintain:
- (c) Daily attendance records documenting the arrival and departure time of each child, including records that are required in accordance with 922 KAR 2:160, Section 13, if a child receives services from the child-care center through the Child Care Assistance Program;

Findings:

General: Based on Review of Documentation, the attendance forms for the children that receive Child Care Assistance were not being properly filled out. There were no parent signatures for the completed week of 6/15/15 through 6/19/15.

Title Date



Provider/Representative

Signature of