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**Inspection Report**

<b>Provider Name:</b> Children - R - Us	<b>Provider Information</b>	<b>CLR No:</b> L356343
<b>Provider Address:</b> 815 Broadway Street, Brandenburg, KY, 40108	<b>Provider Type:</b> LICENSED TYPE I	<b>Capacity:</b> 70
<b>Owner(s):</b> Brown, Belinda Faye		<b>Director(s):</b> Brown, Belinda Faye

<b>Inspection Type:</b> Investigation	<b>Inspection Information</b>	<b>Inspection No:</b> 319012
<b>Date Initiated:</b> 09/22/2021 12:35 PM	<b>Date Concluded:</b> 09/22/2021 2:25 PM	
	<b>No. of Children Present:</b> 44	

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Background Checks	Not In Compliance
<b>5 - Background check/left alone/dismissed/relocated</b>	<b>Not In Compliance</b>
<p><b>922 KAR 2:280. Section 3. Implementation and Enforcement.</b></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> <p><b>Findings:</b></p> <p>General: Based on interview and review of documentation, the child care center failed to maintain background checks in accordance with regulatory requirements. Upon request, a completed background check was not presented for review for the staff member with the hire date 09/22/2021. Review of the Kentucky Applicant Registry and Employment Screening (KARES) report revealed the staff member with the hire date 09/22/2021 was in process; however, the initial clearance for provisional hire was not yet documented. Upon request a completed background check for a staff member with the hire date 10/26/2018 was not presented for review. The background check that was presented for review was completed from a different child care center. Review of the Kentucky Applicant Registry and Employment Screening (KARES) report did not reveal that the staff member with the hire date 10/26/2018 was employed at the child care center.</p>	
Supervision	Not In Compliance
<b>90 - Children Supervised</b>	<b>Not In Compliance</b>
<p><b>922 KAR 2:120. Section 2. Child Care Services.</b></p> <p>(3)(a) Each center shall maintain a child-care program that assures each child shall be:</p> <p>1. Provided with adequate supervision at all times by a qualified staff person who ensures the child is:</p> <p>a. Within scope of vision and range of voice; or</p> <p>b. For a school-age child, within scope of vision or range of voice;</p> <p><b>Findings:</b></p> <p>General: Based on interview and review of documentation, the child care center failed to maintain adequate supervision in accordance with regulatory requirements. Interview and review of documentation revealed a staff member admitted that he/she left a two-year-old child unattended on the outside playground for ten (10) to twenty (20) minutes on 09/16/2021.</p>	

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**Staffing Requirements**

**Not In Compliance**

**125 - Ratios and Group Size**

**Not In Compliance**

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

**(2) For an operating child-care center, minimum staff-to-child ratios and group size shall be maintained as established in the table established in this subsection.**

**Age of Children Ratio Maximum Group Size\***

**Infant**

**1 staff for 5 children 10**

**Toddler 12 to 24 months**

**1 staff for 6 children 12**

**Toddler 24 to 36 months**

**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.**

**(b) The age of the youngest child in the group shall determine the:**

- 1. Staff-to-child ratio; and**
- 2. Maximum group size.**

**Findings:**

General: Based on interview and review of documentation, the child care center failed to comply with staffing requirements. Observation of the one-year-old room revealed there were eleven (11) children with two (2) supervising adults. Review of staff files revealed only one (1) of the two (2) adults was a qualified staff member whose file contained a completed background check. Therefore, the minimum staff to child ratio was not maintained. Interview with a staff member revealed the youngest child in care was one (1) year old. Upon request, a completed background check from the National Background Check Program (NBPC) with an eligible status was not presented for review for one (1) of the supervising staff members with the hire date 09/22/2021 on the day of the survey. Review of the Kentucky Applicant Registry and Employment Screening (KARES) report revealed the staff member with the hire date 09/22/2021 was not documented as employed at the child care center. Interview with the staff in-charge revealed that she could not verify that the National Background Check Program (NBPC) had been initiated for the aforementioned staff member.

**General Administration**

**Not In Compliance**

**320 - Person Under Investigation by DCBS**

**Not In Compliance**

**922 KAR 2:090. Section 8. General.**

**(7) If a director, employee, volunteer, or any person with supervisory or disciplinary control over, or having unsupervised contact with a child in care is named as the alleged perpetrator in a child abuse or neglect report accepted by the cabinet in accordance with 922 KAR 1:330, the individual shall be removed from direct contact with a child in care:**

**(a) For the duration of the assessment or investigation; and**

**(b) Pending completion of the administrative appeal process for a cabinet substantiation of child abuse or neglect in accordance with 922 KAR 1:320 or 922 KAR 1:480.**

**Findings:**

General: Based on interview and review of documentation, the child care center failed to comply with regulatory requirements. Multiple sources revealed that a staff member continued to work at the child care center and was the sole caregiver for children even after he/she was told that he/she was the named perpetrator and was under investigation by the Department of Community Based Services (DCBS). Review of DRCC records revealed the individual was made aware that he/she was named in a DCBS investigation during a DRCC inspection/investigation that was initiated on 8/26/2021. The individual was told that he/she could not work with children until the DCBS investigation was concluded. DRCC was made aware that the individual continued to work with children when DCBS reported that the individual left a child unsupervised outdoors on 9/16/2021.

**Food Service**

**Not In Compliance**

**1070 - Bottle Feeding**

**Not In Compliance**

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

**(11) While bottle feeding a child, the:**

**(a) Child shall be held; and**

**(b) Bottle or beverage container shall not be:**

- 1. Propped;**
- 2. Left in the mouth of a sleeping child; or**
- 3. Heated in a microwave.**

**Findings:**

General: Based on observation and interview, the child care center failed to maintain food service in accordance with regulatory requirements. Observation of the infant room revealed there was an infant sitting in a bouncy seat consuming a bottle. Interview with the staff member revealed the infant was nine (9) months old.

Signature of Provider/Representative

Title

Date