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# **Inspection Report**

**Provider Information** 

Provider Type: LICENSED TYPE I

**CLR No:** L383599 Capacity: 32(Bldg 1: 49)

Provider Address: 3580 Caulder Rd., Lexington, KY, 40517 Owner(s): Little Tots Learning Center, Llc

Inspection Type: Renewal Application

Date Initiated: 06/02/2022 2:25 PM

Provider Name: Little Tots Learning Center

Director(s): Edmonds , Denise Lamaar

**Inspection Information** 

**Date Concluded:** 06/02/2022 3:55 PM

No. of Children Present: 29

Inspection No: 320221

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**Background Checks** Supervision

In Compliance In Compliance



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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 observation, this regulatory requirement was not met. Upon arrival (2:25PM), the surveyor toured the facility with the staff person in charge. Three staff were observed present in the Two-Year-Old classroom and one staff person was observed standing in the doorway between the Two-Year-Old classroom and the Preschool classroom. Fourteen children (three-five-year-olds) were observed present in the Preschool classroom at the time. Since the youngest child in the group was a three-year-old, the minimum staff to child ratio would need to be one staff person for twelve children. The facility exceeded the staff/child ratio by two children.

The staff person in charge stated that one of the staff present in the Two-Year-Old classroom should have been in the Preschool Classroom as the second staff person assigned to the group. This staff person followed the surveyor and the staff person in charge into the Preschool Classroom.

# **General Administration**

**Not 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.

General: Based on observation, this regulatory requirement was not met. A television was mounted on the wall in the infant/toddler classroom and it was plugged into a power strip in the window sill. The television cord was hanging loose and accessible to the children. Furthermore, the power strip contained two uncovered electrical outlets.

# **Director Requirements**

In Compliance

# **Employee Records**

Not In Compliance Not In Compliance

# 435 - Training

922 KAR 2:090. Section 11. Staff Requirements. (16) In accordance with KRS 199.896(15) and (16), a staff person with supervisory authority over a child shall complete the following:

- (a) Six (6) hours of cabinet-approved orientation completed within the first three (3) months of employment in a child-care program;
- (b) Nine (9) hours of cabinet-approved early care and education training within the first year of employment in a child care program, including one and one-half (1  $^{1\!2}$ ) hours of cabinet-approved pediatric abusive head trauma training; and
- (c) Fifteen (15) hours of cabinet-approved early care and education training completed between July 1 and the following June 30 of each subsequent year of employment in a child care program, including one and one-half (1 ½) hours of cabinet-approved pediatric abusive head trauma training completed once every five (5) years.
- (17) A staff person's compliance with training requirements of this section shall be verified through the cabinet-designated database maintained pursuant to 922 KAR 2:240.

# Findings:

General: Based on review of documentation and the Training Records Information System (TRIS), the following was found:

- 1. One staff person hired on 9/28/21, did not complete the required Orientation training. This staff person has been employed for more than three months.
- 2. One staff person hired on 1/1/17, completed PAHT training on 12/27/16; however, did not renew the training due 12/27/2021.

**Programming** 

In Compliance



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#### **Premises**

Not In Compliance

#### 570 - Items Accessible Only During Activity

Not In Compliance

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

- (8) The following shall be inaccessible to a child in care unless under direct supervision and part of planned program of instruction:
- (a) Knives and sharp objects:
- (b) Litter and rubbish;
- (c) Bar soap; and
- (d) Plastic bags not used for personal belongings.

#### Findings:

Based on observation, the surveyor observed a discarded metal sink basin positioned on top of several garbage bags full of various items that were inside of a storage closet in the gross motor room. The storage closet did not have door; therefore, these items were 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, this regulatory requirement was not met. Two floor vents in the infant/toddler classroom did not fit the opening in the floor properly which created a hole/gap approximately one half inch wide.

# 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, this regulatory requirement was not met. A large area of chipped paint was observed on the floor of the gross motor room.

#### **Hygienic Practices**

**Not In Compliance** 

# 700 - Child Personal Care/Handwashing

**Not In Compliance** 

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

- (4) A child shall:
- (a) Be helped with personal care and cleanliness based upon his or her developmental skills;
- (b) Except as established in paragraph (c) of this subsection, wash his or her hands with liquid soap and warm running water:
- 1. a. Upon arrival at the center: or
- b. Within thirty (30) minutes of arrival for school-age children;
- 2. Before and after eating or handling food;
- 3. After toileting or diaper change;
- 4. After handling animals;
- 5. After touching an item or an area of the body soiled with body fluids or wastes; and
- 6. After outdoor or indoor play time; and
- (c) Use hand sanitizer or hand-sanitizing wipes if liquid soap and warm running water are not available in accordance with paragraph (b) of this subsection. The child shall wash the child's hands as soon as practicable once liquid soap and warm running water are available.

# Findings:

General: Based on observation, the facility failed to ensure children's hands are washed with liquid soap and warm running water prior to eating. The surveyor observed children in two classrooms (Two-Year-Old Room and Preschool Room) sitting at the table playing with toys when snack was delivered to the rooms. The children remained at the table as the food was placed in front of them and then they began eating.

# First Aid/Medication

In Compliance

# **Outdoor Play Area**

**Not In Compliance** Not In Compliance

# 795 - Playground Conditions

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 and interview, this regulatory requirement was not met. The following was found:

- 1. The deck area contained one broken wooden spindle that was being held together with black Duct tape.
- 2. Approximately six additional wooden spindles were no longer attached at the bottom and exposed sharp, rusty nails.
- 3. The surveyor observed black plastic that had been draped over an area on the corner of the building in the children's outdoor play space. Several inches of water had pooled in the area. The staff person in charge stated that she was using the plastic and sand bags to prevent water from running down the side of the house.



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#### 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, this regulatory requirement was not met. The surface under two swings on the playground consisted of sparse mulch and compacted dirt. This type of surfacing does not provide adequate cushioning for the children during falls.

> **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, this regulatory requirement was not met. The following was found:

- 1. Three broken hula-hoops were observed lying on the ground on the playground.
- 2. A red tricycle on the playground was missing a foot pedal.
- 2. Three small plastic riding toys on the playground contained sharp edges due to broken pieces of plastic around the handle bars.

# 865 - Indoor/Outdoor Equipment

**Not In Compliance** 

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- 922 KAR 2:120. Section 13. Toys and Furnishings. (2) Indoor and outdoor equipment shall:
- (a) Be clean, safe, and in good repair:
- (b) Meet the physical, developmental needs, and interests of children of different age groups;
- (c) Be free from sharp points or corners, splinters, protruding nails or bolts, loose or rusty parts, hazardous small parts, lead-based paint, poisonous material, and flaking or chalking paint; and
- (d) Be designed to guard against entrapment or situations that may cause strangulation.

#### Findings:

General: Based on observation, this regulatory requirement was not met. Two smoke detectors were heard beeping throughout the building during the entire survey. This usually indicates a low battery or a malfunction of the device.

> **Transportation Not Applicable Kitchen Requirements** In Compliance

**Meal Planning/Center Provides Meals** 

Meal Planning/Center Does Not Provide Meals

**Food Service** 

Children's Records In Compliance

Written Documentation **Not In Compliance** 

1305 - Fire Drills **Not In Compliance** 

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

- (12) A fire drill shall be:
- (a) Conducted during hours of operation at least monthly; and
- (b) Documented.
- (13) An earthquake drill, shelter-in-place or lockdown drill, and tornado drill shall be:
- (a) Conducted during hours of operation at least quarterly; and
- (b) Documented.

# Findings:

General: Based on review of documentation, this regulatory requirement was not met. At the time of the survey it was found that there was no record of lockdown drills conducted by the facility.

**Posted Documentation** 

In Compliance

Animals

Title

**Not Applicable** 



Date