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## **Inspection Report**

**Provider Information** 

Provider Type: CERTIFIED

Provider Address: 221 Rolling Acres, Frankfort, KY, 40601

Provider Name: Newton, Melissa Ann

CLR No: C71044 Capacity: 6

Inspection No: 279094

**Inspection Information** 

Inspection Type: Investigation

Date Initiated: 03/18/2019 4:00 PM

Date Concluded: 03/18/2019 4:30 PM

No. of Children Present:

#### **Inspection Report**

#### **General Administration**

Not In Compliance

### 140 - Child abuse/neglect investigation

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:100 - Section 10. Standards for the Provider.

- (9) If a provider, an assistant, or a member in a provider's household 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 investigation; and
- (b) Pending completion of an 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, this regulatory requirement was not met. On 9/20/18 the provider was identified as an alleged perpetrator in a Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) investigation and a DCBS Prevention Plan was signed by the provider and put into place. On 11/27/18 the provider submitted an application to the Division of Regulated Child Care (DRCC) office to obtain an in-home child care certification. A DRCC surveyor conducted an inspection of the home on 1/7/19 and approved the in-home child care certification; however, at no time during this process (11/27/18 - 1/7/19) did the provider inform the DRCC office that she was named as an alleged perpetrator in a child abuse/neglect investigation. On 3/14/19 DCBS reported to the DRCC office the investigation of child abuse/neglect resulted in a substantiated finding against the provider. A copy of the letter verifying the investigation/substantiation was submitted to the DRCC office.



185 - Reports to Cabinet Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:100 - Section 19. Certified Family Child-Care Home Program.

The certified family child-care home provider shall:

- (10) Report:
- (a) The following to the cabinet within twenty-four (24) hours from the time of discovery:
- 1. A communicable disease, which shall also be reported to the local health department pursuant to KRS 214.010;
- 2. An accident or injury to a child that requires medical care;
- 3. An incident that results in legal action by or against the family child-care home that:
- a. Affects:
- (i) A child in care;
- (ii) The provider;
- (iii) An assistant; or
- (iv) A member of the provider's household; or
- b. Includes the provider's discontinuation or disqualification from a governmental assistance program due to fraud, abuse, or criminal conviction related to that program;
- 4. An incident involving fire or other emergency, including a vehicular accident when the provider is transporting a child receiving child care services; or
- 5. A report of child abuse or neglect that:
- a. Has been accepted by the cabinet in accordance with 922 KAR 1:330; and
- b. Names the alleged perpetrator as the:
- (i) Provider;
- (ii) Provider's assistant; or
- (iii) Member of the provider's household;
- (b) The death of a child to the cabinet within one (1) hour;
- (c) Temporary or permanent closure as soon as practicable to the cabinet and the parent of a child in the family child-care home; or
- (d) A child care staff member meeting a disqualifying criterion or background check, result in accordance with 922 KAR 2:280.

#### Findings:

General: Based on interview and review of documentation, this regulatory requirement was not met. On 9/20/18 the provider was identified as an alleged perpetrator in a Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) investigation and a DCBS Prevention Plan was signed by the provider and put into place. On 11/27/18 the provider submitted an application to the Division of Regulated Child Care (DRCC) office to obtain an in-home child care certification. A DRCC surveyor conducted an inspection of the home on 1/7/19 and approved the in-home child care certification; however, at no time during this process (11/27/18 - 1/7/19) did the provider inform the DRCC office that she was named as a perpetrator in a child abuse/neglect investigation. On 3/14/19 the DCBS office reported to the DRCC office the investigation resulted in a substantiated finding against the provider and a copy of the letter was submitted to the DRCC office.



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