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Inspection Report

Provider Name: Meade County Head Start	Provider Information	CLR No: L354775
Provider Address: 6215 Brandenburg Road, Brandenburg, KY, 40108	Provider Type: LICENSED TYPE I	Capacity: 57
Owner(s): Central Kentucky Community Action Council, Incorporated		Director(s): Smith, Pamela Anne

Inspection Type: Renewal Application	Inspection Information	Inspection No: 305265
Date Initiated: 04/22/2021 10:04 AM	Date Concluded: 04/22/2021 3:12 PM	
	No. of Children Present: 38	

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Background Checks

Not In Compliance

20 - Out of state background checks

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:280. Section 5. Checks of Other States.

(1) In accordance with 45 C.F.R. 98.43(b)(3), a prospective child care staff member who resides in or has resided in another state within the last five (5) years shall:

(a) Request from each state of current or prior residency, in accordance with the state's laws, policies, and procedures, with a courtesy notice to the cabinet:

- 1. An in-state criminal records check by:**
 - a. Means of fingerprints for the state of residence; or**
 - b. Any means accepted by a state of prior residency;**
- 2. A check of the state's sex offender registry or repository; and**
- 3. A check of the state-based child abuse and neglect registry and database; and**

(b) Direct results of the checks required in paragraph (a) of this subsection to the Department for Community Based Services, Division of Child Care, 275 East Main Street, 3C-F, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Findings:

General: Based on interview and review of documentation, the child care center failed to maintain out of state background checks in accordance with regulatory requirements. Review of the presented staff file for a staff member with the hire date 4/5/2021 revealed the file failed to contain an out of state, Florida, sex offender background check. Review of the presented staff file for staff member with the hire date 3/10/2021 revealed the file failed to contain a Tennessee child abuse and neglect background check and a Tennessee sex offender background check. The document presented for review was a universal background check from a company named HireBright.

Supervision

In Compliance

Staffing Requirements

In Compliance

General Administration

In Compliance

Director Requirements

Not In Compliance

345 - Staff Evaluation

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:090. Section 10. Director Requirements and Responsibilities.

(1) A director shall:

(j) Assess each staff person's interaction with children in care and classroom performance through an annual written performance evaluation;

Findings:

General: Based on interview and review of documentation, the child care center director failed to assure compliance with regulatory requirements. Review of the presented staff file for a staff member with the hire date 2/21/2020 revealed the file failed to contain a current written annual evaluation. Upon request, the document was not presented for review.

Employee Records

In Compliance

420 - 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) Unless the child-care center is a before- or after-school program that operates part day or less, that offers a variety of creative activities including:**
 - 1. Art or music;**
 - 2. Math or numbers;**
 - 3. Dramatic play;**
 - 4. Stories and books;**
 - 5. Science or nature;**
 - 6. Block building or stacking;**
 - 7. Tactile or sensory activity;**
 - 8. Multi-cultural exposure;**
 - 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 interview and review of documentation, the child care center failed to comply with regulatory programming requirements. Upon request, a current daily activity plan was not presented for review in the Meade #1 classroom. The document presented was dated 4/12/2021.

425 - Practice Appropriate Self-Help Procedures

Not In Compliance

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

- (4) The child-care center shall provide a daily planned program:**
- (d) Unless the child-care center is a before- or after-school program that operates part day or less, that offers a variety of creative activities including the following:**
 - 11. An opportunity for a child to:**
 - c. Practice developmentally appropriate self-help procedures in respect to:**
 - (i) Clothing;**
 - (ii) Toileting;**
 - (iii) Hand-washing; and**
 - (iv) Eating;**

Findings:

General: Based on observation, the child care center failed to comply with regulatory programming requirements. Observation of lunch being served in the Early Head Start classroom revealed the children were served pizza, broccoli that was served in a styrofoam bowl with a plastic lid, and pineapple bits that was also served in a styrofoam bowl with a plastic lid that was placed on the children's individualized plates. The staff member walked away from the children to care for a child in the restroom. Before the staff member walked away from the children, the staff member did not attempt to encourage the children to take the lids off the bowls nor did she attempt to take the lids off of the bowls so the children could eat their food. Two (2) children tried to take the lids off their bowls but the attempts were unsuccessful; therefore, the children could not eat the variety of food that they were served to them.

480 - Infant/Toddler Combined with Older Children

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:120. Section 5. Infant and Toddler Play Requirements.

- (2) Except in accordance with subsection (3) of this section or Section 2(2)(c) of this administrative regulation, an infant or toddler under twenty-four (24) months of age shall not participate in an activity with an older child for no more than one (1) hour per day.**
- (3) If a toddler is developmentally appropriate for a transition to a preschool age group, a toddler may participate in an activity with an older child for more than one (1) hour per day if:**
 - (a) Space for the toddler is available in the preschool-age group;**
 - (b) The staff-to-child ratios and group sizes are maintained based on the age of the youngest child;**
 - (c) The center has a procedure for listing a transitioning toddler on attendance records, including a specific day and time the toddler is with either age group; and**
 - (d) The child care center has obtained the signature and approval of the toddler's parent on the toddler's transition plan.**

Findings:

General: Based on observation and interview, the child care center failed to comply with regulatory programming requirements. Observation of the Early Head Start room revealed there were two (2) three-year-old children combined with one and two-year-old children. Interview with the staff member in-charge revealed the three (3) year old children are combined in the Early Head Start classroom for more than one (1) hour daily and the children will not be moved from the Early Head Start room until the next school year, due to there are not being any slots available for the aforementioned children in the Head Start program.

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Premises

Not In Compliance

540 - 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 child care center failed to maintain the premises in accordance with regulatory requirements. Observation of the backdoor located in the kitchen revealed the door was not closed; the strike plate did not catch the latch and hold the door closed. Continued observation of the door revealed there was a half (1/2) inch gap between the door frame and the door; the sun light from outside was visible from the inside and the outside air could be felt from inside.

645 - Sink

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:120. Section 10. Toilet, Diapering, and Toiletry Requirements.

- (3) A sink shall be:**
 - (a) Located in or immediately adjacent to toilet rooms;**
 - (b) Equipped with hot and cold running water that allows for hand washing;**
 - (c) Equipped with hot water at a minimum temperature of ninety (90) degrees Fahrenheit and a maximum of 120 degrees Fahrenheit;**
 - (d) Equipped with liquid soap;**
 - (e) Equipped with hand-drying blower or single use disposable hand drying material;**
 - (f) Equipped with an easily cleanable waste receptacle; and**
 - (g) Immediately adjacent to a changing area used for infants and toddlers.**

Findings:

General: Based on observation, the child care center failed to maintain the premises in accordance with regulatory requirements. Observation of the handwashing sink located in the bathroom off of the Early Head Start room revealed the hot water handle is broken. The hot water will not turn off properly unless the knob is positioned at a certain point. If the faucet handle is pushed back to turn the water off, the water continues to exit from the faucet and when the handle is pulled forward the hot water continues to exit from the faucet. Observation of the handwashing sink located in the Meade #1 classroom revealed the hot water handle is broken. The hot water will not turn off properly unless the knob is positioned at a certain point. When the faucet handle is pushed back to turn the water off, the water continues to exit from the faucet and when the handle is pulled forward the hot water continues to exit from the faucet; therefore, if the handle is not positioned in a certain area the hot water will not turn off. Observation of the sink located in Meade #1 classroom revealed there was a green substance built up around the faucet and the hot and cold water handles.

Hygienic Practices

Not In Compliance

685 - Diaper Changing Area/Surface

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:120. Section 10. 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 and interview, the child care center failed to comply with hygienic practices in accordance with regulatory requirements. Observation of the changing table located in the Early Head Start classroom revealed there was a buildup of dust and debris under and around the changing pad. Observation of the bathroom located in the Meade #2 classroom revealed there was a bathtub with a 4 X 3 X 1/4 inch piece of flimsy foam poster board that was painted white and was peeling paint. The white foam poster board was covering the top of the bathtub and housed containers with children's belongings. Interview with a staff member revealed that the covered bathtub was the classroom's changing table for three (3) year-old children.

First Aid/Medication

In Compliance

Outdoor Play Area

In Compliance

Equipment

In Compliance

Transportation

Not Applicable

Food Service/Food Program

In Compliance

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Food Service

Not In Compliance

1040 - Kitchen Equipment Clean and Sanitary

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:120. Section 8. Kitchen Requirements.

- (7) The following shall be clean and sanitary:**
 - (a) Eating and drinking utensils;**
 - (b) Kitchenware;**
 - (c) Food contact surfaces of equipment;**
 - (d) Food storage utensils;**
 - (e) Food storage containers;**
 - (f) Cooking surfaces of equipment; and**
 - (g) Nonfood contact surfaces of equipment.**

Findings:

General: Based on observation, the child care center failed to maintain food service in accordance with regulatory requirements. Observation of the refrigerator located in the kitchen revealed the all of the shelving inside the door had a build-up of debris and food particles.

1065 - Developmentally Appropriate Quantity/Additional Portions

Not In Compliance

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

- (1) Food shall be:**
 - (g) Served in a quantity that is developmentally appropriate for the child with additional portions provided upon request of the child;**

Findings:

General: Based on observation and interview, the child care center failed to maintain food service in accordance with regulatory requirements. Observation of the lunch being served in the Early Head Start classroom revealed a child's pizza fell on the floor and the staff member stated to the child, 'It's gone, I don't have anymore'. Interview with the staff member revealed that the classroom did not have any extra food or milk to serve the children in the case a child was still hungry or if a child dropped or spilled their food. Therefore, additional portions were not provided to the children upon their request. Observation of the lunch being served to the children in Meade #1 classroom revealed a child asked for a second piece of pizza and the staff member told the child we do not have anymore. Interview with the staff in-charge revealed that there is usually extra food or milk provided for the children and he/she was not aware why there was not extra food for the children today. Therefore, additional portions of food was not provided to the children upon their request. Observation of lunch being served in the Meade #2 classroom revealed there was not any additional food for the children in case a child requested another serving. Interview with the staff member revealed that there was not any additional food or milk on the cart to serve the children if they requested more.

Children's Records

In Compliance

Written Documentation

Not In Compliance

1170 - 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 interview and review of documentation, the child care center failed to maintain written documentation in accordance with regulatory requirements. Upon request, a current professional development plan was not presented for a staff member with the hire date 2/2/2020.

Posted Documentation

In Compliance

Animals

Not In Compliance

1225 - Animals in the Presence of Children

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:120. Section 13. Animals.

- (1) An animal shall not be allowed in the presence of a child in care:**
 - (a) Unless:**
 - 1. The animal is under the supervision and control of an adult;**
 - 2. Written parental consent has been obtained; and**
 - 3. The animal is certified as vaccinated against rabies; or**
 - (b) Except in accordance with subsection (3) of this section.**

Findings:

General: Based on observation, interview and review of documentation, the child care center failed to comply with regulatory requirements regarding animals. Upon request, a written parental consent for all children in the presence of the animal in the Early Head Start classroom was not presented for review.

Emergency Regulation

In Compliance

Signature of Provider/Representative

Title

Date