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Date: 3/8/2017

VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:30 AM

Departure: 12:45 PM

CCLC-1017

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Compliance Zone Designation			Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient.
03/08/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/28/2016	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/28/2016	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	

Good Standing	- Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
Support	- Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.
Deficient	- Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	A: Left Front		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B: Left Hall Rear		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C-R Hall-Rear		0	0	C	31	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D: Right Hall R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	21	C	34	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Transitioning
Main	E: Rt Front	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	11	C	24	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Diapering
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 124			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 32			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 124			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG: Front Toddler	41	C
Main	PG-Rear	72	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/08/2017

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

Facility

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Technical Assistance

Comment

Reminder-Keep Hazards Inaccessible

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - Make sure the outlet strips have covers and brooms are out of reach of children even in bathrooms.

Correction Deadline: 3/8/2017

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined that three trikes and scooters had broken rubber handle grips and nine trikes had rust. It was further determined that a section of the playground climber was sectioned off with a wire mesh due to a missing slide or ladder for that area. It was further determined that the top of the slide had sharp edges at the top, a crack on the bottom side of the slide near the top, and that the areas where the yellow slide join were separating causing a hazard. It was further determined that the large climber had areas of chipping paint on the yellow slide.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2017

Finding

591-1-1-.26(7) requires that climbing and swinging equipment be anchored and have a resilient surface beneath the equipment. The fallowness from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined that there was zero resilient surface under the yellow slide, one inch resilient surface under the rope climber, and four inches resilient surface under the yellow climbing pole. The platform was five feet high for the climbing equipment. It was further determined that the resilient surface under the swings need to be fluffed and redistributed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that climbing and swinging equipment is anchored. The Center will develop and/or follow a plan for routine inspections of the resilient surface and for replacing when needed.

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2017

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - The ant mounds need treating after it rains when ground dries according to your treatment instructions. The tree stumps need to be painted or removed. Remember to sweep off water on playground climbers and remove any other items placed outside the classrooms by teachers.

Correction Deadline: 3/8/2017

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) **Met**

Comment

Observed-Proper Diapering

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) **Met**

Comment

Observed-Proper Hand Washing Throughout

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **Met**

Comment

591-1-1-.20 - No medications given

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR) **Met**

Comment

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) **Met**

Comment

No Field Trips at This Time

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **Met**

Comment

No Routine Transportation Provided

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Comment**

Correct number of mats; disinfecting discussed

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 9**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/28/2013

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(e) requires every Employee hired before January 1, 2014 have either a satisfactory Preliminary Records Check Determination or a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination on file and requires that Employees hired before January 1, 2014 that have only a satisfactory Preliminary Records Check Determination on file to obtain a Fingerprint Records Check Determination before January 1, 2017. It was determined that one employee hired before January 1, 2014 did not have a new fingerprint check by January 1, 2017.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that every employee hired before January 1, 2014 has a satisfactory preliminary determination or satisfactory fingerprint determination on file and will have a plan to ensure that these employees obtain a Fingerprint Records Check Determination before January 1, 2017.

Correction Deadline: 3/8/2017

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Met****Comment**

Observed-Appropriate Staff:Child Ratios

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Observed-Adequate Supervision