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Quality Rated: ★ ★

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. 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.
12/06/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/26/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/22/2018	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	

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	Room A - 1st Right	Infants	1	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room B - 2nd Right	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room C - 3rd Right	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room D - 3rd Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room E - 2nd Left		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room F - 1st Left	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 104						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 49			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 104			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Main Playground	68	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a License Study and a follow-up.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/06/2018

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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Not Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined during the consultants observation that the infant classroom was using two electrical heaters. The heaters were placed on the floor and accessible to the children. The heaters were hot and near the crib

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items. The director stated she will no longer use the heaters.

Correction Deadline: 12/6/2018

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - The consultant discussed with the director about standing water inside of playground toys. The director stated she will have staff to check the playground daily.

Correction Deadline: 12/6/2018

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant’s back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician’s written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant’s back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer’s guidelines and will not slide up around the infant’s face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician’s written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. It was determined based on consultants observation that three cribs had blankets hanging along the side and one crib had a pillow inside the crib.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will take all steps necessary to provide a safe sleep environment for infants as listed in these rules; will train Staff to follow these rules; and will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 12/6/2018

Recited on 12/6/2018

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 11/12/2018	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 10/15/2018	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 06/04/2018	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 12/14/2017	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/15/2018	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 06/09/2017	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 05/31/2017	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 11/01/2018	

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 9 Met
Date of Hire: 12/18/2017

Staff # 10 Met
Date of Hire: 12/12/2017

Staff # 11 Met
Date of Hire: 02/12/2018

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 11

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Met

Comment
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records Met

Correction Deadline: 5/1/2018

Corrected on 12/6/2018
.24(1) - Previous citation was corrected. Consultant observed all staff to have personnel files.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) Met

Comment
Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Comment
Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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

Comment
Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.