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Inspection Report

Provider Name: Child Development Center of the Bluegrass	Provider Information Provider Type: LICENSED TYPE I	CLR No: L350160
Provider Address: 290 Alumni Drive, Lexington, KY, 40503		Capacity: 206
Owner(s): Child Development Centers Of The Bluegrass, Inc.		Director(s): Fox, Natalie

Inspection Type: Investigation	Inspection Information	Inspection No: 291526
Date Initiated: 09/26/2019 2:45 PM	Date Concluded: 09/26/2019 5:15 PM	
	No. of Children Present: 142	

Inspection Report	
Supervision	Not In Compliance
90 - Children Supervised	Not In Compliance
922 KAR 2:120. Section 2. Child Care Services. (3)(a) Each center shall maintain a child-care program that assures each child will be: 1. Provided with adequate supervision at all times by a qualified staff person who ensures the child is: a. Within scope of vision and range of voice; or b. For a school-age child, within scope of vision or range of voice;	
Findings: General: Based on review of documentation, and interview, this regulatory requirement was not met. The facility reported via email that on 9/25/19 at approximately 10:00AM a one-year-old child was left alone in the Firefly Classroom when the rest of the group went to the playground. Staff stated during interview that the lead teacher exited the classroom first with four children leaving two assistant teachers and the remaining four children in the classroom. There were eight children total in the group. The two assistant teachers exited the classroom a couple minutes later. One of them was assigned to the remaining four children in the group and the other one went on her fifteen-minute break. The staff person assigned to the remaining four children exited the classroom with only three children and took them outside to join the rest of the group. The fourth child was left alone in the room at this time. Staff stated during interview that a head count was conducted a few minutes after the third staff person joined them on the playground from her fifteen-minute break. At this time, the staff realized that a child was missing from the group. The lead teacher returned to the classroom and found the child asleep on a bear-shaped mat on the floor. The child was without adult supervision for approximately fifteen (15) minutes to twenty-five (25) minutes; an exact time could not be determined.	

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 review of documentation and interview, this regulatory requirement was not met. An interview with staff during the investigation revealed that three classrooms (Firefly, Dragonfly, and Caterpillar) go outside on the playground daily together from approximately 10:00AM - 10:30AM. The facility reported that one child was left alone/unsupervised in the Firefly Classroom when the group exited the classroom to go to the playground on 9/25/19 at approximately 10:00AM. A review of facility attendance records found that eight children were present in each one of these classrooms on 9/25/19; therefore, twenty-three children (one (1) year olds) were present on the playground while one child was left alone/unsupervised in the Firefly Classroom. Since the youngest child in the group was a one year old, the maximum allowable group size would be twelve (12) children. The facility exceeded the group size by eleven (11) children.

Director Requirements

Not In Compliance

335 - Staff Management/Policy Development/Supervision

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:090. Section 10. Director Requirements and Responsibilities.**(1) A director shall:****(e) Manage the staff in their individual job descriptions;****(f) Assure the development, implementation, and monitoring of child-care center plans, policies, and procedures;****(g) Supervise staff conduct to ensure implementation of program policies and procedures;****Findings:**

General: Based on review of documentation and interview, the director failed to supervise staff conduct to ensure implementation of program policies and procedures. The following was found:

1. On 9/26/19 three staff received written reprimands as a result of a one (1) year old child being left alone/unsupervised in the Firefly Classroom while the rest of the group was on the playground. The reprimand stated that "the teachers failed to count or do a name to face check when exiting the playground and allowed the children to go play". The surveyor reviewed the facility supervision policy during the investigation and found that it states staff must count heads continually throughout the day to ensure the whereabouts of each child at all times. Staff must count heads when transitioning from one space to another - this includes counting heads before leaving, and again when arriving to your new destination.

2. The facility supervision policy states that "classroom teachers are to ensure proper ratios in the classroom, as well as shared spaces such as the gross motor rooms or playground". The supervision policy lists the specific ratios and group sizes for each age group and states, "Toddlers - Group Sizes of 12; 1:4 ratio (children under 2) 1:6 (upon youngest turning 2)". A review of facility attendance records and an interview with staff during the investigation revealed that on 9/25/19 at approximately 10:00AM twenty-three (23) children (one (1) year olds) were combined together on the playground for approximately thirty (30) minutes; therefore, group size regulatory requirements were not met and staff did not follow facility policy.

350 - Health, Safety, Comfort

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:090. Section 10. Director Requirements and Responsibilities.**(1) A director shall:****(l) Assure the health, safety, and comfort of each child;****Findings:**

General: Based on review of documentation and interview, this regulatory requirement was not met. The facility reported that on 9/25/19 at approximately 10:00AM a one year old child was left alone in the Firefly Classroom when the rest of the group went to the playground. Staff stated during interview that the lead teacher exited the classroom first with four children leaving two assistant teachers and the remaining four children in the classroom. There were eight children total in the group. The two assistant teachers exited the classroom a couple minutes later. One of them was assigned to the remaining four children in the group and the other one went on her fifteen-minute break. The staff person assigned to the remaining four children exited the classroom with only three children and took them outside to join the rest of the group. The fourth child was left alone in the room at this time. Staff stated during interview that a head count was conducted a few minutes after the third staff person joined them on the playground from her fifteen-minute break. At this time, the staff realized that a child was missing from the group. The lead teacher returned to the classroom and found the child asleep on a bear-shaped mat on the floor. The child was without adult supervision for approximately fifteen (15) minutes to twenty-five (25) minutes; an exact time could not be determined.

Signature of Provider/Representative

Title

Date