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Inspection Report

Provider Name: North Star Academy	Provider Information	License No: L356798
Provider Address: 1816 Bryan Station Road, Lexington, KY, 40505	Provider Type: LICENSED TYPE I	Capacity: 84
Owner(s): North Star Academy, LLC		Director(s): Jackson, Bonnie

Inspection Type: Investigation	Inspection Information	Inspection No: 149923
Visit Start Date: 03/31/2015 8:00 AM	Visit End Date: 03/31/2015 8:22 AM	
	No. of Children Present: 24	

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Staffing Requirements

40 - Ratios and Group Size

Not In Compliance

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

(2) Minimum staff-to-child ratios and group size for an operating child-care center shall be maintained as follows:

Age of Children Ratio Maximum Group Size*

Infant

1 staff for 5 children 10

Toddler

1 staff for 6 children 12

Preschool-age 2 to 3 years

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.**

Findings:

General: Based on Observation, and interview, on 3/31/15 at 8:00 a.m., the surveyor observed a staff person exit the facility. The staff person stood in front of the facility's door and started talking on her cell phone. At 8:02 a.m., the surveyor started walking toward the facility. As the surveyor approached, the staff person turned and immediately went back inside the facility. The surveyor followed the staff person to the pre-school classroom where thirteen (13) children and one (1) staff were observed. During interviews it was noted there were five (5) one year olds in the group; therefore, the staff person had been left alone, was out of ratio and was over group size. She was over ratio by seven (7) children and over group size by one (1) child. The staff person immediately took the five (5) toddlers to the next room.

Employee Records

300 - Background checks/left alone

In Compliance

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922 KAR 2:090. Section 6. License Issuance.

(5) An individual described in subsection (4) of this section shall:

- (a) Submit to background checks described in paragraph (b) of this subsection;**
- (b) May be employed or work with a child on a probationary basis for up to ninety (90) calendar days, pending completion of a:**
 - 1. Child abuse or neglect check using the central registry in accordance with 922 KAR 1:470;**
 - 2. Criminal records check required by KRS 199.896(19);**
 - 3. Criminal records check for any previous state of residence if the person resided outside the state of Kentucky in the last five (5) years; and**
 - 4. An address check of the Sex Offender Registry; and**
- (c) Not be left alone in the presence of a child until copies of the background checks in accordance with paragraph (b) of this subsection have been received by the licensee.**

Programming

415 - Toddler Combined with Preschool

Not In Compliance

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

(3) A toddler may participate in an activity with an older child for more than one (1) hour per day if:

- (a) The toddler is in transition to the pre-school age group;**
- (b) The toddler is twenty-one (21) months or older;**
- (c) Space for the toddler is available in the preschool-age group;**
- (d) The staff-to-child ratios and group sizes are maintained based the age of the youngest child;**
- (e) 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**
- (f) 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, on 3/31/15 at approximately 8:02 a.m. the surveyor observed thirteen (13) children with one (1) staff person. There were five (5) one year olds in the group; therefore, the staff person was out of ratio and over group size. The staff person stated that some of the toddlers had arrived just before 7:00 a.m. The toddlers had been grouped with the older children for approximately one (1) hour. However, the toddlers were observed wandering around the room while the rest of the children were sitting at a table without anything to do. The surveyor did not see an activity being done with the children nor did the surveyor see many toys/materials that were age appropriate for toddlers.

Transportation

790 - Transportation Notification/Type and Vehicle

In Compliance

922 KAR 2:120. Section 12. Transportation.

- (3) Prior to transporting a child, a center providing transportation services of a child shall notify the cabinet or its designee in writing of the:**
- (a) Type of transportation offered;**
 - (b) Type of vehicle used for transportation;**

810 - Transportation Notification/Third Party Contracts

In Compliance

922 KAR 2:120. Section 12. Transportation.

- (3) Prior to transporting a child, a center providing transportation services of a child shall notify the cabinet or its designee in writing of the:**
- (f) Contracts, agreements, or documents detailing arrangements with any third party for services;**

Signature of
Provider/Representative

Title

Date