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Inspection Report

Provider Name: Southern Hills Early Childhood Program Provider Address: 2356 Harrodsburg Road, Lexington, KY, 40503 Owner(s): Southern Hills Early Childhood Program	Provider Information Provider Type: LICENSED TYPE I	CLR No: L354537 Capacity: 304 Director(s): Fuqua, Ann Griffiths
Inspection Information Inspection Type: Investigation Date Initiated: 02/09/2021 3:30 PM Date Concluded: 02/09/2021 5:30 PM No. of Children Present:		
Inspection No: 306310		

Inspection Report	
General Administration	Not In Compliance
210 - Licensee Responsibility	Not In Compliance
922 KAR 2:090. Section 8. General. (1) A licensee shall: (a) Be responsible for the operation of the child-care center pursuant to this administrative regulation, 922 KAR 2:120, and 922 KAR 2:280; and (b) Protect and assure the health, safety, and comfort of each child.	
Findings: General: Based on interview and record review, this regulatory requirement was not met. On 1/12/2021, a three-year-old child disclosed an allegation of possible abuse to staff members in the Barn Owls Room. The three-year-old told the teachers that her mommy slapped her in the face. A staff member in the Barn Owls Room stated that on 1/12/2021, she reported what the child said to the person in charge. However, the staff person in charge indicated that the statement was not reported until sometime later. Additional interviews found that the staff person in charge set up a meeting between child's mother and the staff person who initially reported the statement, to discuss the child's statement. Approximately three weeks passed before the incident was reported to the Cabinet. The incident was not immediately reported to the cabinet as required in the KRS 620.030.	
250 - Child Abuse/Neglect Report	Not In Compliance
922 KAR 2:090. Section 13. Reports. (2) An incident of child abuse or neglect shall be reported to the cabinet pursuant to KRS 620.030.	
Findings: General: Based on interview and record review, this regulatory requirement was not met. On 1/12/2021, a three-year-old child disclosed an allegation of possible abuse to two staff members in the Barn Owls Room. The three-year-old told the teachers that her mommy slapped her in the face. A staff member in the Barn Owls Room stated that she reported the abuse to the staff person in charge on or about 1/12/2021; however the staff person in charge indicated the incident was not reported to her until later. The staff person in charge also indicated the teacher did not communicate that she felt the incident needed to be reported to the cabinet. A meeting was held with the child's parent and the teacher on 1/19/21. A report was made to the Department for Community Based Services on 2/03/2021. The report was not immediately made to the cabinet as required in the KRS 620.030.	

922 KAR 2:090. Section 8. General.

(7) If a director, employee, volunteer, or any person with supervisory or disciplinary control over, or having unsupervised contact with a child in care is named as the alleged perpetrator in a child abuse or neglect report accepted by the cabinet in accordance with 922 KAR 1:330, the individual shall be removed from direct contact with a child in care:

(a) For the duration of the assessment or investigation; and

(b) Pending completion of the administrative appeal process for a cabinet substantiation of child abuse or neglect in accordance with 922 KAR 1:320 or 922 KAR 1:480.

Findings:

General: Based on observation and interview, this regulatory requirement was not met. A staff person was named an alleged perpetrator in a Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) investigation. This staff person was notified by DCBS and the Division of Regulated Child Care (DRCC) that she could not have direct contact with the children in care. In addition, an administrative staff in the facility was also made aware that this particular staff person could not be in the presence of the children. Based on interviews, it was found that the individual who had been identified as an alleged perpetrator helped with morning drop offs of the children after being identified as an alleged perpetrator. The facility did not follow the regulation removing this person from contact with the children for the duration of the investigation.

Signature of Provider/Representative

Title

Date