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Inspection Report

Provider Name: Early Connections Childcare Ministry	Provider Information	CLR No: L376064
Provider Address: 4685 Springfield Road, Elizabethtown, KY, 42701	Provider Type: LICENSED TYPE I	Capacity: 60
Owner(s): Valley Creek Baptist Church, Inc.		Director(s): Taylor, Haley Marie

Inspection Type: Renewal Application	Inspection Information	Inspection No: 292386
Date Initiated: 12/05/2019 9:50 AM	Date Concluded: 12/05/2019 12:40 PM	
	No. of Children Present: 25	

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Background Checks	In Compliance
Supervision	In Compliance
Staffing Requirements	In Compliance
General Administration	Not In Compliance
140 - Zoning	Not In Compliance
<p>922 KAR 2:090. Section 6. License Issuance.</p> <p>(8) To qualify for a preliminary license, or maintain a regular license, a child-care center shall:</p> <p>(a) Provide written documentation from the local authority showing compliance with local zoning requirements;</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>General: Based on interview and review of documentation, the child care center failed to comply with regulatory requirements. Upon request, the staff in charge did not provide verification that a copy of the conditional zoning permit had been maintained from the local authority showing compliance with local zoning requirements. The document presented stated the conditional permit of a child care center had expired in 2017.</p>	
Director Requirements	In Compliance
Employee Records	Not In Compliance
405 - Adequate Substitute(s)	Not In Compliance
<p>922 KAR 2:090. Section 11. Staff Requirements.</p> <p>(6) Child-care centers shall have available in case of need:</p> <p>(a) One (1) qualified substitute staff person for a Type II child-care center; or</p> <p>(b) Two (2) qualified substitute staff persons for a Type I child-care center.</p> <p>(7) Each qualified substitute staff person shall:</p> <p>(a) Meet the staff requirements of this administrative regulation; and</p> <p>(b) Provide the required documentation to verify compliance with this administrative regulation.</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>General: Based on interview and review of documentation, the child care center failed to maintain employee records in accordance with regulatory requirements. Upon request, the staff in charge did not provide verification that the child care center had employed at least two (2) qualified substitute staff persons.</p>	

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Programming

Not In Compliance

420 - Program of Activities Followed

Not In Compliance

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

(4) The child-care center shall provide a daily planned program:

- (a) Posted in writing in a conspicuous location with each age group and followed;
- (b) Of activities that are individualized and developmentally appropriate for each child served;
- (c) That provides experience to promote the individual child's physical, emotional, social, and intellectual growth and well-being; and
- (d) Unless the child-care center is a before- or after-school program that operates part day or less, that offers a variety of creative activities including:

- 1. Art or music;
- 2. Math or numbers;
- 3. Dramatic play;
- 4. Stories and books;
- 5. Science or nature;
- 6. Block building or stacking;
- 7. Tactile or sensory activity;
- 8. Multi-cultural exposure;
- 9. Indoor or outdoor play in which a child makes use of both small and large muscles;
- 10. A balance of active and quiet play, including group and individual activity;
- 11. An opportunity for a child to:
 - a. Have some free choice of activities;
 - b. If desired, play apart from the group at times;

Findings:

General: Based on interview and review of documentation, the child care center failed to comply with regulatory programming requirements. Upon request, the staff in charge did not present for review verification that the daily activity of programming was posted in writing and had been completed for the current week to include activities that are individualized and developmentally appropriate for each child in four (4) of the four (4) classrooms.

Premises

Not In Compliance

580 - Floors, Walls, Ceilings

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:120. Section 4. Premises Requirements.

(9) Floors, walls, and ceilings shall be smooth, in good repair, and constructed to be easily cleaned.

Findings:

General: Based on observation, the child care center failed to maintain premises in accordance with regulatory requirements. The wall located in the two-year-old classroom near the exit, had a large circular area near the bottom of the wall where the paint was flaking, and the drywall was exposed.

650 - Toilet

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:120. Section 10. Toilet, Diapering, and Toiletry Requirements.

(4) Each toilet shall:

- (a) Be kept in clean condition;
- (b) Be kept in good repair;
- (c) Be in a lighted room; and
- (d) Have ventilation to outside air.

Findings:

General: Based on observation, the child care center failed to maintain the premises in accordance with regulatory requirements.

- 1) The male restroom located off the hallway contained a urinal, which did not flush properly.
- 2) Continued observation revealed in the female restroom one (1) of the three (3) toilets did not flush.

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Hygienic Practices

Not In Compliance

655 - Child Personal Care/Handwashing

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:120. Section 3. General Requirements.

(4) A child shall:

- (a) Be helped with personal care and cleanliness based upon his or her developmental skills;**
- (b) Except as established in paragraph (c) of this subsection, wash his or her hands with liquid soap and warm running water:**
 - 1. a. Upon arrival at the center; or**
 - b. Within thirty (30) minutes of arrival for school-age children;**
 - 2. Before and after eating or handling food;**
 - 3. After toileting or diaper change;**
 - 4. After handling animals;**
 - 5. After touching an item or an area of the body soiled with body fluids or wastes; and**
 - 6. After outdoor or indoor play time; and**
- (c) Use hand sanitizer or hand-sanitizing wipes if liquid soap and warm running water are not available in accordance with paragraph (b) of this subsection. The child shall wash the child's hands as soon as practicable once liquid soap and warm running water are available.**

Findings:

General: Based on observation, the child care center failed to comply with hygienic practices in accordance with regulatory requirements. The children prepared for lunch by washing their hands. Upon completion the children sat on the floor, rubbing their hands on the carpet that was soiled, then proceeded to pick up their chair from a stack of chairs against the wall. Therefore, their hands were not kept sanitary prior to eating.

First Aid/Medication

In Compliance

Outdoor Play Area

In Compliance

Equipment

Not In Compliance

795 - Individual Bed/Mat/Cot and Bedding

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:120. Section 6. Sleeping and Napping Requirements.

- (3) Rest time shall include adequate space specified by the child's age as follows:**
- (b) For a toddler or preschool-age child:**
 - 1. An individual bed, a two (2) inch thick waterproof mat, or cot in good repair; and**
 - 2. Bedding that is in good repair and is changed:**
 - a. Weekly; or**
 - b. Immediately if it is soiled or wet.**

Findings:

General: Based on observation, the child care center failed to maintain equipment in accordance with regulatory requirements. The mats utilized for sleeping in the Pre-K classroom did not meet the standards of a two (2) inch thick mat. The mats measured for one-inch thickness.

Transportation

Not Applicable

Food Service/Food Program

Not In Compliance

995 - Lunch/Dinner Requirements

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:120. Section 9. Food and Meal Requirements.

(19) Lunch and dinner shall include:

- (a) Milk;**
- (b) Protein;**
- (c) Bread; and**
- (d) 1. Two (2) vegetables;**
- 2. Two (2) fruits; or**
- 3. One (1) fruit and one (1) vegetable.**

Findings:

General: Based on observation and interview, the child care center failed to maintain food service in accordance with regulatory requirements. Interview with the staff revealed that the children are provided sack lunches by their parents. While observing the meal, it was noted that several of the children were missing the required components such as, milk, bread, vegetable or fruit. Continued observation revealed the staff did not offer or serve the missing components.

Food Service

Not In Compliance

1130 - Menu

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:120. Section 9. Food and Meal Requirements.

(16) A weekly menu shall be:

- (a) Prepared;**
- (b) Dated;**
- (c) Posted in advance in a conspicuous place;**
- (d) Kept on file for thirty (30) days; and**
- (e) Amended in writing with any substitutions on the day the meal is served.**

Findings:

General: Based on interview and review of documentation, the child care center failed to maintain food service in accordance with regulatory requirements. Upon request, the staff in charge did not present verification that the snack menu posted had been dated to reflect the current week.

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Children's Records

Not In Compliance

1135 - Immunization

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:090. Section 9. Records.

(1) A child-care center shall maintain:

(a) A current immunization certificate for each child in care within thirty (30) days of the child's enrollment, unless an attending physician or the child's parent objects to the immunization of the child pursuant to KRS 214.036;

Findings:

General: Based on interview and review of documentation, the child care center failed to maintain children's records in accordance with regulatory requirements. Upon request, the staff in charge did not present verification that the record of the child with the enrollment date of 06/05/2019 contained a copy of a current immunization record from the State of Kentucky. The record reviewed was from the State of North Carolina.

1140 - Enrollment Information

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:090. Section 9. Records.

(1) A child-care center shall maintain:

(b) A written record for each child:

1. Completed and signed by the child's parent;

2. Retained on file on the first day the child attends the child-care center; and

3. To contain:

a. Identifying information about the child, which includes, at a minimum, the child's name, address, and date of birth;

b. Contact information to enable a person in charge to contact the child's:

(i) Parent at the parent's home or place of employment;

(ii) Family physician; and

(iii) Preferred hospital;

c. The name of each person who is designated in writing to pick-up the child;

d. The child's general health status and medical history including, if applicable:

(i) Allergies;

(ii) Restriction on the child's participation in activities with specific instructions from the child's parent or health professional; and

(iii) Permission from the parent for third-party professional services in the child-care center;

e. The name and phone number of each person to be contacted in an emergency involving or impacting the child;

f. Authorization by the parent for the child-care center to seek emergency medical care for the child in the parent's absence;

Findings:

General: Based on interview and review of documentation, the child care center failed to maintain children's records in accordance with regulatory requirements. Upon request, the staff in charge did not present verification that the records for the children with the enrollment dates of 01/23/2017 and 07/26/2019 contained information listing a name of a preferred hospital.

Written Documentation

Not In Compliance

1165 - Staff Schedule

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:090. Section 9. Records.

(1) A child-care center shall maintain:

(d) A written schedule of staff working hours;

Findings:

General: Based on interview and review of documentation, the child care center failed to maintain employee records in accordance with regulatory requirements. Upon request, the staff in charge did not present verification that the center had maintained a copy of the staff schedule to reflect the current employees.

1175 - Earthquake/Tornado/Fire Drills

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:090. Section 9. Records.

(1) A child-care center shall maintain:

(h) A written record of quarterly practiced earthquake drills and tornado drills detailing the date, time, and children who participated in accordance with 922 KAR 2:120, Section 3;

(i) A written record of practiced fire drills conducted monthly detailing the date, time, and children who participated in accordance with 922 KAR 2:120, Section 3;

Findings:

General: Based on interview and review of documentation, the child care center failed to maintain written documentation in accordance with regulatory requirements. Upon request, the staff in charge did not present verification that the fire drills and disaster drills conducted for the months from January through November of 2019, listed the names of the children who had participated.

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Posted Documentation

Not In Compliance

1200 - Posting Requirements

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:090. Section 8. General.

(6) In addition to the posting requirement of KRS 199.898(3), a child-care center shall post the following in a conspicuous place and make available for public inspection:

- (a) The provider's preliminary or regular license;**
- (b) Each statement of deficiency and civil penalty notice issued by the cabinet during the current licensure year;**
- (c) Each plan of correction submitted by the child-care center to the cabinet during the current licensure year;**
- (d) Information on the Kentucky Consumer Product Safety Program and the program's Website as specified in KRS 199.897;**
- (e) A description of services provided by the child-care center, including:**
 - 1. Current rates for child care; and**
 - 2. Each service charged separately and in addition to the basic rate for child care;**
- (f) Minimum staff-to-child ratios and group size established in 922 KAR 2:120; and**
- (g) Daily planned program.**

Findings:

General: Based on interview and review of documentation, the child care center failed to post documentation in accordance with regulatory requirements. Upon request, the staff in charge did not present verification that the requirement that each statement of deficiency issued by the cabinet during the current licensure year and each plan of correction submitted by the child-care center to the cabinet during the current licensure year was readily accessible for public inspection.

1210 - Disaster Course of Action

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:090. Section 9. Records.

(1) A child-care center shall maintain:

- (j) A written plan and diagram outlining the course of action in the event of a natural or manmade disaster, posted in a prominent place;**

Findings:

General: Based on interview and review of documentation, the child care center failed to post documentation in accordance with regulatory requirements. Upon request, the staff in charge did not present verification that the center had a written diagram outlining the course of action in the event of a natural or manmade disaster that was posted in the child care center.

Animals

Not Applicable

Signature of Provider/Representative

Title

Date