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Inspection Report

Provider Name: Ree Midwest, Inc.	Provider Information	CLR No: L377420
Provider Address: 1404 Boone Aire Road, Florence, KY, 41042	Provider Type: LICENSED TYPE I	Capacity: 99
Owner(s): Ree Midwest, Inc.		Director(s): Hogle, Trevin

Inspection Type: Investigation	Inspection Information	Inspection No: 293034
Date Initiated: 02/04/2020 10:05 AM	Date Concluded: 02/04/2020 10:55 AM	
	No. of Children Present: 27	

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Background Checks	Not In Compliance
5 - Background check/left alone/dismissed/relocated	Not In Compliance
<p>922 KAR 2:280. Section 3. Implementation and Enforcement.</p> <p>(1) A person who is a child care staff member prior to January 1, 2018, shall submit to and complete background checks in accordance with this administrative regulation no later than September 30, 2018.</p> <p>(2) A child care staff member hired on or after April 1, 2018, shall:</p> <p>(a) Have completed the background checks required in accordance with this administrative regulation and been found to have no disqualifying offense prior to becoming a child care staff member; or</p> <p>(b)1. Have submitted to the background checks required in accordance with this administrative regulation;</p> <p>2. Not be left unsupervised with a child in care pending the completion of the background checks in accordance with this administrative regulation; and</p> <p>3. Be dismissed or relocated from the residence if the person is found to have a disqualifying background check result.</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>General: Based on observation, review of documentation, and interview, this regulatory requirement was not met. On the day of the investigation (2/4/20) the surveyor entered the facility at 10:05AM and observed one staff person (hire date: 1/28/20) caring for a group of five children (one-year-olds) alone in the toddler classroom. A review of the Kentucky National Background check service (KARES) found this staff person has a fingerprint-based background check submitted as of 1/28/20; however, the background check has not been processed. Therefore, this staff person does not have the eligible for hire status. The staff person stated during interview that she has worked daily at the facility since she was hired and indicated that she works alone with the children most of the time. The staff person in charge stated that he was not aware that the staff person's background check was not yet complete.</p> <p>It is important to note that on 1/31/20 this staff person left 12 preschool children alone/unsupervised on the playground when she entered the building with two children. The staff person in charge observed the staff person enter the building with the two children and immediately re-directed her back outside. It was reported that the children were alone/unsupervised less than one minute.</p>	

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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 that on 1/31/20 a staff person assigned to a group of preschool children on the playground entered the building and left the children alone/unsupervised for less than one minute. The surveyor conducted an investigation at the facility on 2/4/20. Interviews with staff revealed that 14 children were present in the group at the time of the incident. Two of the children present in the group had on zip-up hoodie jackets; however, they appeared to be cold so the staff person brought them inside. The staff person stated that she was bringing them inside to the staff person in charge. The staff person in charge took the two children from the staff person and then re-directed her back outside and told her she could not leave children unsupervised. It was reported that the children were alone/unsupervised less than one minute.

It is important to note that the exterior door that leads to the playground has a full-length window; however, the children were not visible from where the staff person was standing (hallway next to bathroom and two-year-old classroom). The staff person in charge met with the staff person on 2/3/20 to discuss the incident and an employee coaching form was completed.

Staffing Requirements

In Compliance

Director Requirements

Not In Compliance

360 - Caregiver Alone

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:090. Section 10. Director Requirements and Responsibilities.

(1) A director shall:

(n) Assure that a person acting as a caregiver of a child in care shall not be left alone with a child, if the licensee has not received the results of the background checks as described in 922 KAR 2:280;

Findings:

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Employee Records

Not In Compliance

390 - Educational Requirements

Not In Compliance

922 KAR 2:090. Section 11. Staff Requirements.

(1) Child-care center staff:

(a) Hired after January 1, 2009, who have supervisory power over a minor and are not enrolled in secondary education, shall have a:

- 1. High school diploma;**
- 2. GED or qualifying documentation from a comparable educational entity; or**
- 3. Commonwealth Child Care Credential as described in 922 KAR 2:250;**

Findings:

General: Based on review of documentation and interview, one staff person (hire date: 1/28/20) did not have educational documentation on file. The staff person in charge stated that he informed the staff person that this documentation was needed; however, the staff person has not yet provided it to him.

Signature of
Provider/Representative

Title

Date