

VISIT SUMMARY

Completed: 04/19/2023

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Observations: An unannounced annual compliance visit and ~~rated license assessment~~ was conducted at this childcare center to monitor compliance with applicable childcare requirements. This visit was conducted by Karen Young, childcare consultant, with Donna Weaver, Interim Director. *Don Church, board chair. kn*

Your program currently operates with a FIVE (5) star license. Restrictions include 1st shift (day time care); Children under 2.5 years old in rooms with direct exits only; meets all enhanced requirements and reduced ratios minus one. Children not permitted in gym or any other unlicensed space. Children six (6) years and under not permitted in Space 8.

The license was observed, and the restrictions were found in compliance.

The NC Secretary of State website was reviewed on 4/17/23 and Mt. Jefferson Child Development Center, Inc. was listed as current and active.

The program's compliance history was 95% prior to today's visit. All programs are required to maintain at least 75% compliance.

A walk-through of the facility was completed today. Indoor and outdoor areas were observed.

There was a broken faucet off the play kitchen sink in Group 7. There were two (2) thermometers missing from the refrigerators in Groups 3 & 4. Outside I observed trash inside the corral that is currently being used as the infant's outdoor space. Grass is currently being planted on the infant's usual outdoor space right outside the classroom door. There were two (2) empty drink cans in the corral. I observed a three-inch-wide metal hole opening in the ground right outside the infant corral space. There was dirty Kleenex trash inside the red car on the long playground.

Upon arrival, staff/child ratio and space capacity were monitored as indicated on the attached worksheet. Supervision was adequate during the visit.

I observed positive interactions today. I observed children having free center choice play, outdoor play, and lunch. I observed developmentally appropriate materials and activities were available to the children in the classrooms.

The last annual compliance visit was conducted on 5/19/22. A sanitation inspection was completed 8/15/22 with a Superior classification and eight (8) demerits. The last fire inspection was conducted 3/27/23 by Brent Carson. I received a copy of

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All information in this report has been reviewed with me today. I understand that it is my responsibility to maintain compliance with applicable NC Child Care Requirements at all times.

Donna Weaver, Interim Director
SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PERSON IN CHARGE AT TIME OF VISIT

Karen Young
CONSULTANT'S SIGNATURE

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the inspection during today's visit.

Program records and required postings were monitored. There were five (5) incident report forms that were not filled out completely. Staff files were not complete. I recommend keeping working on the staff files. The Ashe County partnership is assisting with staff files. It was observed today that three (3) new staff members were missing health questionnaires, two (2) new staff members were missing emergency information forms, five (5) new staff were missing orientation documentation, one (1) new staff member was missing documentation of a TB test, two (2) new staff members were missing documentation of the SBAHT policy, and two (2) new staff were missing documentation of a medical statement. There was one fourteen-month-old child, who did not have a feeding plan.

A fire drill was conducted on 3/23/23. A shelter in place drill was documented on 1/25/23. An outdoor inspection was documented on 3/23/23.

Two (2) Staff files and nine (9) children's records were monitored per DCDEE procedures.

Storage of hazardous items was monitored today.

Storage and administration of medication were monitored. Medication authorization was monitored. There was one emergency Epi-Pen in Space 7 with proper documentation of paperwork.

The program does not provide transportation.

The following violations were cited during today's visit:

Violations:

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Item#	Comment
	<i>Violations</i>
540	An individual written feeding plan was not provided by child's parent or health care provider or was not followed and posted. (omit posting for centers located in a residence) There was one fourteen month old child L. S. who did not have a feeding plan. This is a violation of a requirement in 10A NCAC 09 .0902(a).
601	Refrigerator(s) did not maintain a temperature of 45 degrees F. or below. There were two (2) refrigerators (one in group 3 & one in group 4) with no thermometer available to monitor the temperature. This is a violation of a requirement in 15A NCAC 18A .2806(f)(h)(2).
721	All equipment and furnishings were not in good repair. There was a play kitchen set with a missing faucet in Group 7, Space 3A/B. This is a violation of a requirement in G.S. 110-91(6); .0601(b).
807	A safe indoor and outdoor environment was not provided for the children. The outdoor corral currently being used by the infants has a three-inch-wide metal encased hole right outside the entrance to the corral posing a foot hazard to children and/or staff. Trash was observed in the infant corral space with two (2) empty drink cans. Dirty kleenex trash was also observed in the red car on the playground. This is a violation of a requirement in 10A NCAC 09 .0601(a).
852	Incident reports were not completed each time a child was injured, it did not include all the information required in rule, it was not signed by the parent and/or it was not maintained in the child's file. There were five (5) incident reports observed today that did not include all information required. This is a violation of a requirement in .0802 (e).
1035	Child care providers, including the director, uncompensated providers, substitute providers, and volunteers did not have the required Emergency Information Form on file on or before the first day of work, which included all the required information and/or the information on the form was not updated as changes occur and at least annually. It was observed today that staff members J.D. & D.W. did not have the Emergency Information Form available for review in their file. This is a violation of a requirement in .0701(a).
1045	New staff, who had contact with children, did not receive at least 16 hrs. orientation within first 6 weeks. New staff members, J.D., A.L., A.S., D.W., & S.B. had no documentation of completing the first 6 weeks of orientation in their file today. This is a violation of a requirement in .1101(a).
1825	All staff did not review the center's EPR Plan during orientation and/or on an annual basis with the trained staff. Documentation of the review was not maintained on file. There are eight (8) staff who have not had review of the EPR during orientation and/or on an annual basis. This is a violation of a requirement in .0607(f).

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1874	The Prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome and Abusive Head Trauma policy was not reviewed with new staff prior to providing care with children and/or a signed acknowledgement with all the required information was not maintained in the staff person's file. It was observed today that new staff members J. D. and D. W. had no documentation of reviewing or signing the Shaken Baby Abusive Head Trauma Policy. This is a violation of a requirement in .0608(d)(1-4).
1890	Each staff member did not have the required medical report, proof of tuberculosis test or screening and/or completed health questionnaire in a medical file, maintained separately from the staff member's individual personnel file. Staff members J.D., D.W. & A.L. did not have the health questionnaire available for review in their file. Staff member D.W. did not have the TB test available for review in their file. Staff members A.L., & D. W. did not have a medical statement available for review in their file during today's visit. This is a violation of a requirement in .0701(d).

Comments: Child Care programs are expected to achieve and maintain compliance at all times and are required by NC GS 110-90(4) (d) to achieve and maintain an eighteen-month compliance history score of at least seventy-five percent. Any violation(s) documented may impact the compliance history score.

*** You must correct the violations cited during today's visit immediately and send me documentation verifying compliance on or before Wednesday, May 3, 2023.**

The following information must be included in your signed and dated compliance letter:

- the name of your center
- facility ID number
- date
- title of the person who signs the letter
- each violation number(s)
- describes accurately and in detail how and when you corrected each violation

You may email the letter to karen.young@dhhs.nc.gov or mail two copies of the letter to:

Karen Young
P.O. Box 1012
Lewisville, NC 27023

If you state in your letter that corrections or changes have been made when they have not, it will be considered falsification of information and could lead to administrative action taken by the DCDEE.

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Repeated violations, continued non-compliance, or failure to submit the compliance letter prior to the date given in this visit summary can also lead to administrative action taken by the DCDEE.

Additional monitoring visits may be conducted during the year to monitor compliance with applicable childcare requirements.

Technical assistance provided during today's visit:

- You must notify your consultant 30 days prior to changing the ownership status of your facility.
- You are currently on "hold" and "held Harmless" as it relates to your license/permit. I will update you as I receive more information. *(ie our Star Rating ~ which currently is 5)*
- *Things we need to do:* Contact your local CCHC (child care health consultant) at the Ashe Co. Partnership for any health-related questions.
- *There is currently no shade on the playgrounds for children. I recommend you getting some type of shade for the playgrounds.
- *If the corral is to be used for the infants, use a weed eater to cut weeds, collect any trash inside the corral if used by the infants. Shade should be provided as well.
- *There are honeybees on the large, long playground. Keep a watch on where the bees are coming from and take care of to prevent any bee stings.
- *If you use your own permission to administer medication form, it must contain all the information as our DCDEE Permission to Administer Medication. I recommend not using the Ashe County Schools permission to administer medication form as you are not a part of the Ashe County School system.
- *Continue requiring staff members to complete on-going Inservice training hours as well as completing their Health & Safety Trainings within the 1st year and every 5 years thereafter.

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• The North Carolina Early Childhood Equivalency Exam is a new pathway option comparable to a NC Early Childhood Credential. Applicants who achieve a score of 80% or higher on the NC Early Childhood Equivalency Exam earn the new North Carolina Early Childhood Equivalency Certificate. This certificate is equivalent to a North Carolina Early Childhood Credential and will qualify the individual to be a lead teacher in an early childhood classroom. To take the exam, providers must go to DCDEE Moodle and select Early Childhood Professional Development/Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)/North Carolina Early Childhood Equivalency Exam. Refer to DCDEE email blast on April 12, 2023, at 9:11am for further information.

• Questions regarding the newly launched Preschool Expansion Grants can be directed to DCDEE_Support@DHHS.nc.gov, 919-814-6300 or 1-800-859-0829.

*Challenging Behaviors Helpline, 1-888-600-1685 Option 1.

At the completion of the visit, this visit summary was reviewed with and provided to you.

Thank you for your time and assistance during the visit.

If you have any questions about the visit, please contact me or my supervisor using the information below.

Karen Young, Child Care Consultant
(336) 207-2151
karen.young@dhh.nc.gov

Pamela Hauser, Supervisor

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# of Staff: Total: 19 Administrative: 2 Support: 1 Caregiver: 16	Slot's 1st Shift 100 2nd Shift 0 3rd Shift 0 Shift Visited: 1
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Shift	Group#	Space#	Capacity		0-12 mo.	1	2's	3's	4's	PS* 5's	SA **	Total Children	# Caregivers	Names of Caregivers
1	1	7A	10	Enrolled	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	3	M. Reavis, D Burns, D. O'Connor
				Present	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	7		
	2	7B	10	Enrolled	2	6	0	0	0	0	8	2	D. Blevis, D. Bauguess	
				Present	0	5	0	0	0	0	0			5
	3	2	17	Enrolled	0	8	2	0	0	0	10	2	D. Walters, J. Daniels	
				Present	0	7	1	0	0	0	0			8
	4	1	20	Enrolled	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	12	2	K. Hertzfeld, C. Best
				Present	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	8		
	5	6	14	Enrolled	0	0	0	3	12	0	0	15	2	J. Reeves, K. Reeves
				Present	0	0	0	2	8	0	0	10		
	6	5	20	Enrolled	0	0	6	10	0	0	0	16	2	A. Amaro, A. Rash, L. LaMere
				Present	0	0	5	6	0	0	0	11		
	7	3A/B	55	Enrolled	0	0	0	0	12	9	0	21	3	A. Loggins, S. Baker, A Stout
				Present	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	16		
Total # 1st Shift				Total # Enrolled	10	14	20	13	24	9	0	90		
				Total # Present	7	12	14	8	16	8	0	65		

Staff/Child Ratio Policy (Indicate only if changed)	Inf.	1 yr.	2 yr.	3 yr.	4 yr.	5 yr.	5-12 yr.
	0 : 0	0 : 0	0 : 0	0 : 0	0 : 0	0 : 0	0 : 0

*-5 year old preschoolers **.-School Age