

State of New Jersey
Department of Children and Families

Office of Licensing

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COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION SUMMARY REPORT

Complaint # 1081

Name of Center: Margaret P. Muscarelle Child Development Center			Name of Sponsor/Board President: Margaret P. Muscarelle Child Development Center		
Street: 1 Walnut Street			Street: 1 Walnut Street		
City: Garfield	State: NJ	Zip: 07026	City: Garfield	State: NJ	Zip: 07026
Phone: (973) 478-3080	County: Bergen		License Status: Regular 4/26/2020	Date Allegation(s) Received: 12/17/2018	Date(s) Investigation Conducted: 12/20/2018

ALLEGATIONS	FINDINGS	RESULTS
1. Inadequate supervision: A child has had multiple incidents while at the center, including tripping over a rug and hitting a shelf, causing a black eye and falling on the playground.	1. At the time of the investigation, adequate supervision was maintained throughout the center including on the playground. Interviews with the director and staff indicated that adequate supervision is maintained at all times. A review of documentation confirmed that all staff were trained on the center's supervision policy and implement it at all times. As a result of observation, interview and documentation this allegation could not be substantiated.	1. Unsubstantiated
2. Inadequate procedures for incidents: The center may not be documenting incidents as required.	2. At the time of the investigation, adequate procedures for incidents were adhered to at the center. Two incidents occurred during the investigation and the children's parents were immediately contacted and incident reports were fully completed as required. Interviews with the director denied the allegation that adequate procedures for incidents are not adhered to and indicated that the staff always notify parents and document incidents as required. Further interviews and a review of documentation revealed that the copies of incident reports are completed accurately and provided to any parent upon request. As a result of interview and documentation this allegation could not be substantiated.	2. Unsubstantiated
3. Unsafe conditions: An area rug is not secured and poses a tripping hazard and a shelf unit may be in an unsafe location and children are getting injured as a result.	3. At the time of the investigation, safe conditions were not maintained in all areas of the center. The indoor gross motor playroom which was recently converted from a classroom, contained area rugs that were not secured to the floor and posed a trip hazard. A surplus of furnishings and storage that	3. Substantiated

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	impeded children's gross motor activity and contributed to a chaotic and unsafe environment lined the walls of the room. Additionally, a climber in the middle of the room was not positioned and secured adequately. The center needs to remove the extra furnishings and storage from the indoor play room, rearrange and stabilize the positioning of the climber, secure all area rugs and ensure that safe conditions are maintained at all times.	

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