

State of New Jersey
Department of Children and Families

Office of Licensing

License ID: 090400076

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION SUMMARY REPORT

Complaint # 1019

Name of Center: New Life Daycare Center, Inc.			Name of Sponsor/Board President: John Trinidad		
Street: 222 Verona Avenue			Street: 222 Verona Avenue		
City: Newark	State: NJ	Zip: 07104	City: Newark	State: NJ	Zip: 07104
Phone: (973) 482-5080	County: Essex		License Status: Temporary 1/8/2019	Date Allegation(s) Received: 11/21/2018	Date(s) Investigation Conducted: 12/4/2018

ALLEGATIONS	FINDINGS	RESULTS
1. Inadequate procedures for transportation: A) A named staff transported children on 11/15/2018 in an unapproved vehicle. B) The center may not have parental authorization to transport children when the center's contracted service is not available.	1A&B. Interviews with the sponsor and staff and documentation revealed that adequate procedures for transporting children were not adhered to at the center on 11/15/2018. Staff transported children in a vehicle that does not comply with the requirements as outlined by the OOL and NJMVC. Additionally, there were no parental authorizations to transport the children, on file. The center needs to cease the use of vehicles that do not meet all NJMVC and OOL requirements ensure that adequate procedures for transportation are adhered to at all times, including obtaining written permission slips from parents.	<u>1. Substantiated</u>
2. Lack of supervision: A named staff left a named child alone while picking up another child and then was unable to locate the named child. The named child was found outside and had been unsupervised for approximately 4-5 minutes.	2. At the time of the investigation, adequate supervision was maintained throughout the center, including in the named child's classroom. Interviews with the sponsor and staff indicated that the incident did occur wherein the named child was left alone in the lobby of a school building while the staff went to pick up another child. When the staff returned to the lobby the named child was not there and the staff could not locate the child until several minutes later. The center needs to ensure that adequate supervision is maintained at all times, including at off-site locations and retrain all staff on the center's supervision and tracking procedures.	<u>2. Substantiated</u>
3. Inadequate procedures for tracking: A named staff was not aware that a named child left the lobby area while the staff was picking up another child.	At the time of the investigation, adequate procedures for tracking were adhered to at the center. Interviews with the sponsor and staff confirmed that adequate procedures for tracking were not adhered to on 11/15/2018 when the named child was left alone in the lobby of a school. The center needs to ensure that	<u>3. Substantiated</u>

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	adequate procedures for tracking are adhered to at all times and that all staff are retrained on the center's supervision and tracking procedures.	
4. Inadequate procedures for field trips: A named staff took 2 named children to Dollar Tree on 11/15/2018 and indicated that this done on a regular basis and the center may not have parental authorization to do so.	4. Interviews with the sponsor and staff and a review of documentation revealed that adequate procedures for field trips were not adhered to on 11/15/2018 when staff took a named child to a Dollar Tree store and the child did not have a permission slip from the parent. The center needs to ensure that adequate procedures for field trips are adhered to at all times including securing permission slips as required.	<u>4. Substantiated</u>
5. Lack of minimum staffing: The center did not provide the required minimum staff while transporting children on field trips. A named staff was transporting children on 11/15/2018 and took two named children on Dollar Tree alone.	5. At the time of the investigation, minimum staffing requirements were maintained. Interviews with the sponsor and staff confirmed that minimum staff requirements were not maintained on 11/15/2018 when staff took a named child to a Dollar Tree store and no additional staff were present. The center needs to ensure that minimum staffing requirements are maintained at all times, including at off-site locations.	<u>5. Substantiated</u>

OBSERVATION AT THE CENTER REVEALED THAT THE CENTER:

Is free of imminent hazards/risk of harm: Yes Has adequate supervision: Yes
 Meets staff/child ratio requirements: Yes Is operating within licensed capacity: Yes

As a result of this inspection 4 violation(s) applicable to the allegations was cited and 1 additional violation(s) was cited.

Inspector(s) Name(s) and Title(s): Josezetta Manning, Child Care Quality Assurance Inspector I; Chrystal Miles, Child Care Quality Assurance Inspector II