

State of New Jersey
Department of Children and Families

Office of Licensing

License ID: 11NEW0002

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION SUMMARY REPORT

Complaint # 1035

Name of Center: New Beginnings Child Care Center			Name of Sponsor/Board President: Cynthia Jones		
Street: 1521 Pennington Road			Street: 1521 Pennington Road		
City: Ewing	State: NJ	Zip: 08638	City: Ewing	State: NJ	Zip: 08638
Phone: (609) 687-9034	County: Mercer		License Status: Regular 9/18/2020	Date Allegation(s) Received: 11/29/2018	Date(s) Investigation Conducted: 12/10/2018 Phone Call: 12/14/2018

ALLEGATIONS	FINDINGS	RESULTS
<p>1. Inadequate procedures for screen times:</p> <p>A) The center follows children under 2 years of age to watch television.</p> <p>B) A named child is strapped into a chair to watch television.</p>	<p>1. At the time of the investigation, adequate procedures for screen time were not adhered to at the center wherein children under the age of 2 were observed strapped into chairs and watching a passive video. Interviews with the director and staff revealed that at the end of each day, all children, including children under the age of two come together and watch a thirty-minute video and children under the age of two are sometimes strapped into chairs to ensure that they stay seated while watching. The center needs to immediately prohibit the use of any screen time for children under the age of two years old and ensure that children are never confined by straps or other restrictive devices for activity purposes. Additionally, the center needs to ensure that television/computer is not used as a substitute for planned activities or for passive viewing and ensure that adequate procedures for screen time are adhered to in all classrooms throughout the center at all times.</p>	<p><u>1. Substantiated</u></p>
<p>2. The center is not meeting the needs of the child: A named child's diaper has been soiled at pick-up at least 2 different times.</p>	<p>2. At the time of the investigation, the needs of the children were met in all classrooms. Children's diapers were changed at scheduled intervals throughout the day and as needed. Interviews with the staff and a review of documentation indicated that the children's diapers are changed regularly and immediately as needed. Staff denied the allegation that the named child's diaper was not changed as needed or that the child went home with a soiled diaper at any time. As a result of observation, interview and documentation this allegation could not be substantiated.</p>	<p><u>2. Unsubstantiated</u></p>

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3. Inadequate health procedures: The center is not administering a named child's asthma medication as required.	3. Interviews with the director and staff and documentation revealed that procedures for health and administering medication were not adhered to at the center when the named incident occurred. Documentation revealed that the named child had an asthma treatment plan indicating to treat the child twice daily, as needed every four hours or immediately with listed symptoms. However, the center never had the child's asthma medication on site as required in the care plan. The center needs to ensure that adequate health procedures are adhered to at all times including proper administration of medication and maintaining all medication on site as required and indicated in children's special needs care plans.	<u>3. Substantiated</u>
4. Inadequate supervision: A named child's lip was injured and staff was not aware how it happened.	4. At the time of the investigation, adequate supervision was maintained throughout the center, including in the named child's classroom. Interviews with the director and staff denied knowledge of the named child receiving any injuries including a lip injury while in the center's care and indicated that no incident occurred. A review of documentation revealed that all staff were trained on the center's policies and procedures for supervision and implement these procedures in their classrooms at all times. As a result of observation, interview and documentation this allegation could not be substantiated.	<u>4. Unsubstantiated</u>

OBSERVATION AT THE CENTER REVEALED THAT THE CENTER:		
Is free of imminent hazards/risk of harm: No	Has adequate supervision: Yes	As a result of this inspection 2 violation(s) applicable to the allegations were cited and 1 additional violation(s) was cited.
Meets staff/child ratio requirements: No	Is operating within licensed capacity: No	

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