

109.10(16). All assigned staff shall provide careful supervision. COMPLAINT IS VALID. RULE WAS VIOLATED. Staff in preschool room A did not know the names of the children to which they were providing care and were confused about each child's age. A child in preschool room A was observed lying on the floor next to a bookshelf. Approximately 6-8 children (age 2 through school-age) were laying on top of the child pushing him/her into the floor and bookshelf. The child was expressing discomfort. It was not until licensing told staff this was unacceptable and they needed to do something, that staff intervened and asked the children to stop. Staff did not provide any comfort to the child until licensing requested staff look at the child as he/she appeared to have injuries (at a minimum red marks on his/her face). A child in the 2-year-old room was observed with something large in his/her mouth while playing with "hot wheels" cars. It was determined that the item(s) in the child's mouth was a large amount of food and not a toy. It was not until licensing told staff that the child's mouth being full was a choking hazard that staff had the child sit in a chair at the table and attempt to finish what he/she was eating. After a short time, the child's mouth appeared to still be full of food. Licensing talked with staff about this being a choking hazard and that the child should be encouraged to spit the food out and be given something to drink. Materials available to the children on 10/10/2014 in preschool room A (when various age groups were combined) and the 2-year-old room were not age-appropriate and/or developmentally appropriate. For example, two-year-old children were observed to be chewing on "hot wheels" cars. This is a choking hazard. Also, "hot wheels" cars were not intended by the manufacturer to be used by children under 3-years-old age. Also, materials in preschool room A were not available to the children until licensing asked staff what the kids were supposed to be doing as it appeared they were just wondering around the room with nothing to do. Staff then provided the children with crayons, coloring sheets, and wooden puzzles to do while sitting at tables.

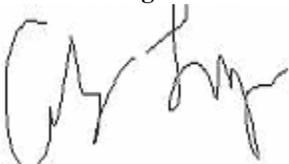
Ms. Blue stated she believes she knows who made the complaint. Ms. Blue talked about a former staff who worked at the center for less than 1 day. Ms. Blue stated this former staff worked on picture day. The former staff was upset that she was in the infant room while the other staff was standing at the infant room gate/door helping children get to and from the picture area. Ms. Blue stated the former employee never told her what was occurring. Ms. Blue stated she became aware of this when the former staff left on break but did not return.

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Consultant's Signature:



Date:

10/10/2014