



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Child Care Facility Inspection Report

TINY STEPS ACADEMY

License #: 6616

Director: DENEKA ALEXANDER

Inspection Date: 11/15/2021

Annual/Mid Inspection

Inspector: Amanda Smith

Program Administration Violations Cited

1. **Out of Compliance:** Facility has appropriate number of operational toilets and handwashing lavatories. A ratio of 1:15 is required. Each sink is supplied with hot and cold running water, soap, and individual towers for drying. Each toilet is supplied with toilet paper. (Rule 1.11.5 Page 56)

Plan of Correction

1. **POC:** App Fee Fire Form 333 2 week cycle of menus Playground corrections
Person Responsible: Deneka Alexander **Date for Completion:** Renewal
2. **POC:** Rule 1.6.1 states "Records listed in this section shall be kept within the physical confines of the child care facility and shall be made available to the licensing agency on request." The facility did have the staff notebook containing the Letters of Suitability and 121s for the staff available and accessible. However, staff and children files were located in a locked office. The Assistant Director did not have access to the files in order to complete the inspection. Owner/Director Ms. Deneaka Alexander will take steps to ensure that all all staff and children files are available and accessible to Director/Designee in her absence. Technical Assistance was provided on this item.
Person Responsible: Deneka Alexander **Date for Completion:** Immediately

Kitchen Violations Cited

No violations cited.

Nutritional Guidelines Violations Cited

No violations cited.

Playground Violations Cited

1. **Out of Compliance:** Playground area is clean and free of hazards. (Rule 1.11.11 Page 61)

2. **Out of Compliance:** Appropriate surfacing material is present and meets minimum required compressed loose-fill surfacing depths (e.g., 6 inches for shredded/recycled rubber; 9 inches for sand, pea gravel, wood mulch (non-CCA), and woodchips). (Appendix D 2.4 & 2.5 Page 8-10)

Plan of Correction

1. **POC:** Ms. Alexander will replace or mulch over current surfacing. Facility has 60 days to complete. Ms. Alexander will notify Licensure Official of completion.
Person Responsible: Deneka Alexander **Date for Completion:** 60 Days
2. **POC:** Ms. Alexander will immediately remove any exposed nails and screws in the current border around the surfacing area.
Person Responsible: Deneka Alexander **Date for Completion:** Immediately

Infant Classroom Violations Cited

Infants - Classroom Number: 5

No violations cited.

Infant Classroom - Classroom Number: 5

Junior Toddlers - Classroom Number: 10

No violations cited.

Infant Classroom - Classroom Number: 10

Toddler Classroom Violations Cited

Toddlers - Classroom Number: 8

No violations cited.

Toddler Classroom - Classroom Number: 8

Twos Classroom Violations Cited

Pre-K3 - Classroom Number: 3

No violations cited.

Twos Classroom - Classroom Number: 3

Pre-K5 - Classroom Number: 2

No violations cited.

Twos Classroom - Classroom Number: 2

Preschool Classroom Violations Cited

Prek 2.5 - Classroom Number: 8

1. **Out of Compliance:** Walls are kept clean and free of torn wall covering, chipped paint, broken plaster, and holes. (Rule 1.11.1(12) Page 52)

Preschool Classroom - Classroom Number: 8

Prek-2 - Classroom Number: 7

No violations cited.

Preschool Classroom - Classroom Number: 7

Preschool - Classroom Number: 9

No violations cited.

Preschool Classroom - Classroom Number: 9

Legend

- COS: Corrected on Site
- POC: Plan of Correction

Child Care Director Signature

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MSDH Licensure Representative Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amanda K. Gil". The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized, with a large "A" and a long horizontal stroke.A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linnie Gray". The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized, with a large "L" and a long horizontal stroke.