



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Child Care Facility Inspection Report

HELEN'S CHILD CARE, INC

License #: 0066

Director: HELEN CARTER

Inspection Date: 10/09/2022

Annual/Mid Inspection

Inspector: Tonya Broger

Program Administration Violations Cited

1. **Out of Compliance:** Current license is displayed in a conspicuous place. (Rule 1.2.10 Page 11)

Plan of Correction

1. **POC:** The facility is required to place the parent information board in a conspicuous area for viewing, per Subchapter 1, Rule 1.4.6.

Person Responsible: Phyllis Cotten, Owner-Director **Date for Completion:** Immediately

Kitchen Violations Cited

No violations cited.

Nutritional Guidelines Violations Cited

No violations cited.

Playground Violations Cited

1. **Out of Compliance:** The outdoor playground is free of hazards and not less than 30 feet (measured horizontally parallel to the ground) from electrical transformers, high voltage cabling/wires, electrical substations, railroad tracks, or sources of toxic fumes or gases. Hazards including but not limited to air conditioner units and utility mains, meters, tanks, and/or cabling are inaccessible. (Rule 1.11.9(5) Page 59)
2. **Out of Compliance:** Wood surfaces are smooth and properly treated (documentation is provided of wood treatment). (CPSC 2.5.5 Page 12)

Plan of Correction

1. **POC:** Please note, based on observations made during the facility grounds walkthrough, the back entry way which leads to the playground area requires the repair/treatment of the wooden stairs, doorway, and

side panelling. Also, the facility must remove all items blocking the entry way and store potentially hazardous items away from the children. Per Appendix D of the MSDH Child Care Licensure regulatory guidelines. The recommendation is that the facility utilizes the the front entry/exit door way to go to the playground area until the repairs have been completed. The facility owner-director stated that the facility is in the process of making the needed repairs. Please note, an initial facility building and grounds walkthrough was conducted on 06.09.2022. The facility must provide verification of compliance by 11.07.2022.

Person Responsible: Phyllis Cotten, Owner-Director **Date for Completion:** 30 Days

Infant Classroom Violations Cited

Infants - Classroom Number: 1

1. **Out of Compliance:** Extension cords are not accessible to children. (Rule 1.11.1 Page 53)
2. **Out of Compliance:** Room is well lighted, ventilated, and free of hazardous or potentially hazardous conditions. (Rule 1.11.1(9) Page 51)
3. **Out of Compliance:** Appropriate individual rest equipment is provided and must be: clean, covered with waterproof cover, and sanitized immediately if soiled or at least weekly after child's use. Rest equipment must be spaced a minimum of 24 inches apart. A minimum of 36 inches is recommended. (Rule 1.10.9 Page 47)
4. **Out of Compliance:** Use of stackable cribs is not permitted. (Rule 1.10.7 Page 47)
5. **Out of Compliance:** Cribs or other similarly commercially purchased units are approved and designated for the purpose of sleeping. Mobile infants (at least eight months of age) may be placed on a mat. Mats must be flame retardant and must be commercially purchased with a thickness of at least two inches. All cribs, sleep units, and mats must be clean and in sanitary conditions (i.e., no chips, holes, fraying, tears, or stains). (Rule 1.10.7 Page 47)
6. **Out of Compliance:** Space for creeping, crawling, toddling, and walking is available: (a) room not overcrowded with equipment, (b) time spent in strollers, swings, & bouncers is limited for infants who are awake, (c) activities that require extended sitting or standing are limited to 30 minutes, and (d) strollers only used when necessary. (Rule 1.9.6 Page 42)
7. **Out of Compliance:** Materials in infant room are age-appropriate to meet developmental needs (e.g., simple, lightweight, open-ended, easily washable toys, rattles, squeak toys, action/reaction toys, cuddly toys, toys to mouth, pictures of real objects, crawling area with sturdy, stable furniture for pulling up self). (Rule 1.10.1 Page 41)
8. **Out of Compliance:** Heating units for warming bottles and food is only accessible to adults. Microwave ovens are not permitted for warming bottles or baby/infant food. (Rule 1.18.6 Page 81)
9. **Out of Compliance:** A private, sanitary place, which includes an electrical outlet, comfortable chair, and access to running water, is provided for breast-feeding mothers. Breast milk must be properly stored in a refrigerator and labeled with child's name and date of expected expiration of milk. (Rule 1.18.7 Page 81)

Infant Classroom - Classroom Number: 1

1. **POC:**

Person Responsible: Phyllis Cotten, Owner-Director and Jo Ann Cotten/Lara Harness Staff **Date for Completion:** Immediately

2. **POC:**

Person Responsible: Phyllis Cotten, Owner- Director **Date for Completion:** Immediately

Twos Classroom Violations Cited

Two Year Olds - Classroom Number: 2

1. **Out of Compliance:** Proper room capacity maintained. (Rule 1.11.2 Page 53)

2. **Out of Compliance:** Evacuation route is posted in classroom. (Rule 1.4.6(d) Page 18)
3. **Out of Compliance:** Extension cords are not accessible to children. (Rule 1.11.1 Page 53)

Twos Classroom - Classroom Number: 2

1. **POC:**

Person Responsible: Phyllis Cotten, Owner-Director **Date for Completion:** Immediately

2. **POC:**

Person Responsible: Phyllis Cotten, Owner-Director and Jeanette Outland, Staff #2 **Date for Completion:** Immediately

Preschool Classroom Violations Cited

Four-Fives - Classroom Number: 4

No violations cited.

Preschool Classroom - Classroom Number: 4

Three Year Olds - Classroom Number: 3

No violations cited.

Preschool Classroom - Classroom Number: 3

School Age Room Violations Cited

School Age - Classroom Number: 5

1. **Out of Compliance:** Separate bathroom facilities are provided for boys and girls. (Rule 1.22.6 Page 92)

School Age Room - Classroom Number: 5

1. **POC:**

Person Responsible: Phyllis Cotte, Owner-Director **Date for Completion:** Immediately

Legend

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

Child Care Director Signature

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MSDH Licensure Representative Signature

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