



## MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

# Child Care Facility Inspection Report

JERRY'S LITTLE LAMBS LEARNING LAB

License #: 6089

Director: JOANN LINDSEY

Inspection Date: 01/18/2023

Annual/Mid Inspection

Inspector: Denise Love

### Program Administration Violations Cited

1. **COS:** Facility has a qualified Director or Director Designee onsite. (Rule 1.5.3 Page 22)
2. **Out of Compliance:** All staff members have mandatory 15 contact hours on file (no more than five hours of in-house training may be provided by the child care facility. Acceptable topics for training may include: (a) health and safety, (b) child growth and development, (c) nutrition, (d) planning learning activities, (e) discipline, (f) linkages with community services, (g) communications with families, (h) detection of child abuse, (i) advocacy for early childhood programs, (j) professional issues. (Rule 1.5.8 Page 25)

### Plan of Correction

1. **POC:** Upon arrival to the facility, LO asked one of the caregiver was the director at the facility, the caregiver stated no, that the caregiver was calling the director right now. The director, nor the alternate director were on site. Both arrived later. Rule 1.8.1(3) (3) During all hours of operation, including arrival and departure of children, a child care facility employee shall be present to whom administrative and supervisory responsibilities have been assigned. This child care facility employee shall meet the minimum qualifications of a director or director designee POC: The director stated, from now on the director will be on time, a personal matter came up and caused the director to have to leave the facility briefly.  
**Person Responsible:** JoAnn Lindsey **Date for Completion:** 01/18/2023
2. **POC:** The director will submit the staff contact hours before the license expires.  
**Person Responsible:** JoAnn Lindsey **Date for Completion:** 03/15/2023
3. **POC:** There were 4 children with expired form #121. The facility will have 14 days (02/01/2023 to submit to LO. The children with expired form #121 are not allowed back in the facility until the updated forms are received.  
**Person Responsible:** JoAnn Lindsey **Date for Completion:** 02/01/2023

### Kitchen Violations Cited

No violations cited.

### Nutritional Guidelines Violations Cited

## Playground Violations Cited

1. **Out of Compliance:** Playground fence is less than 3 ½ inches from ground surface, in good repair with no gaps and secure gate latch. (Rule 1.11.9(8) Page 60)
2. **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)
3. **Out of Compliance:** Playground area is clean and free of hazards. (Rule 1.11.11 Page 61)
4. **Out of Compliance:** Sidewalks provide a smooth walking surface (i.e., no trip hazards). (CPSC 3.6 Page 15)
5. **Out of Compliance:** No standing water is present on playground or in/on playground equipment or walkways. (CPSC 2.4.2.2(5) Page 10)

### Plan of Correction

1. **POC:** During observation of the playground, LO observed a huge mound of dirt/mud, a section of fence damaged, and construction equipment right outside the playground. The owner/director stated an indoor play area is being built. The owner/director will keep LO updated on the process of the construction.  
**Person Responsible:** JoAnn Lindsey **Date for Completion:**

## Infant Classroom Violations Cited

### Infants-One Year Olds - Classroom Number: 2

1. **COS:** Proper staff to child ratio maintained. (Rule 1.8.1 Page 37)
2. **Out of Compliance:** Thermometers that are not hazardous to children are placed on interior walls at children's height. (Rule 1.11.8(9) Page 58)
3. **Out of Compliance:** Television not permitted in infant classroom. (Rule 1.9.6 Page 42)

### Infant Classroom - Classroom Number: 2

1. **POC:** Upon arrival to the facility, LO observed a caregiver coming out of the infant room, up the hallway walking toward the front door. Upon entering the infant room, LO observed the caregiver was the only caregiver in the room, the other caregiver was in the kitchen putting away groceries. LO observed 7 children to 1 caregiver. There were 7 children left unattended in this classroom. Technical Assistance was provided to both staff that children are never allowed to be left unattended. The caregiver that was in the kitchen returned to the classroom. Upon arrival to the facility, the director placed 2 more younger one-year olds in this classroom bringing the staff-to-child ratio from 2:7 to 2:9. Subchapter 8: Staffing Rule 1.8.1(1) (2) states in part, (1)"The staff-to-child ratio shall be maintained at all times, to include when children are arriving and departing the facility. (2)Children shall not be left unattended at any time. Video monitors cannot be used as a substitute for the physical presence of a caregiver in a room. POC: The director stated the facility will be hiring another staff, however until then the director will be on time and at the facility.  
**Person Responsible:** JoAnn Lindsey **Date for Completion:** 01/18/2023
2. **POC:** During observation of this classroom, LO observed the television and laptop computer playing cartoons. Technical assistance has been provided on the television playing in the infant room and recommendations has been provided to remove the television from the room during previous inspections. Subchapter 9: Program of Activities Rule 1.9.6 (4) states in part: Television viewing, including video tapes and/or electronic media, is not allowed for children under the age of two or for staff in the infant and toddler area. The playing of soothing music in the infant and toddler area is acceptable." POC: The director

stated the television will be removed today (01/18/2023).

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3. **POC:** During observation of this classroom LO observed a trash can on top of the diaper changing table. The director stated the caregivers put the trash can on the diaper changing table out of the reach of the children. See photo. Technical Assistance: The diaper changing table should be cleaned and sanitized between children, without unsanitary equipment. POC: The director stated another place will be found to keep the trash can out of the reach of the children.

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## **Toddler Classroom Violations Cited**

### Older One And Younger Two Year Olds - Classroom Number: 1

1. **COS:** Proper staff to child ratio maintained. (Rule 1.8.1)
2. **Out of Compliance:** Infants and toddlers classroom is provided in a separate space from older children. (Rule 1.11.1)
3. **Out of Compliance:** Thermometers that are not hazardous to children are placed on interior walls at children's height. (Rule 1.11.8(9) Page 58)
4. **Out of Compliance:** Television not permitted in toddler classroom. (Rule 1.9.6 Page 42)
5. **COS:** A proper diaper changing station is provided which includes: (a) hot & cold running water, (b) smooth, easily cleanable surface, (c) plastic, lined and covered garbage receptacle, (d) sanitizing & disinfecting solution. Handwashing sink is used only for handwashing. (Rule 1.16.1 Page 77)

### Toddler Classroom - Classroom Number: 1

1. **POC:** Upon arrival LO observed 13 children to one staff. There were 12 older one-year-olds and younger two-year-olds and 1 five-year-old. This brought the facility to be over staff-to-child ratio by 4. Upon the arrival of the director, the 5-year-old was taken to their class, 2 younger one year olds were taken to the infant room and a 2-year old was taken to another two-year old classroom. This brought staff-to-child ratio from 1:13 to 1:9. The caregiver in this class also left the children unattended to go up the hallway. There were 12 unattended children in this class. Subchapter 8: Staffing Rule 1.8.1(1)(2) states in part, (1)"The staff-to-child ratio shall be maintained at all times, to include when children are arriving and departing the facility. (2)Children shall not be left unattended at any time. Video monitors cannot be used as a substitute for the physical presence of a caregiver in a room. POC: The director stated the facility will be hiring another staff, however until then the director will be on time and at the facility.

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2. **POC:** During observation of this classroom, LO observed the television playing cartoons. Technical assistance has been provided on the television playing in the one-year-old room and recommendations has been provided to remove the television from the room during previous inspections. See photo. Subchapter 9: Program of Activities Rule 1.9.6 (4) states in part: Television viewing, including video tapes and/or electronic media, is not allowed for children under the age of two or for staff in the infant and toddler area. The playing of soothing music in the infant and toddler area is acceptable." POC: The director stated the television will be removed today (01/18/2023).

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## **Twos Classroom Violations Cited**

### Older Two And Younger Three Year Olds - Classroom Number: 4

1. **Out of Compliance:** Thermometers that are not hazardous to children are placed on interior walls at children's height. (Rule 1.11.8(9) Page 58)

### Twos Classroom - Classroom Number: 4

## Preschool Classroom Violations Cited

### Four-Five Year Olds - Classroom Number: 3

1. **Out of Compliance:** Thermometers that are not hazardous to children are placed on interior walls at children's height. (Rule 1.11.8(9) Page 58)

### Preschool Classroom - Classroom Number: 3

### 3-4 Year Olds - Classroom Number: 5

1. **Out of Compliance:** Proper staff to child ratio maintained. (Rule 1.8.1 Page 37)
2. **Out of Compliance:** Thermometers that are not hazardous to children are placed on interior walls at children's height. (Rule 1.11.8(9) Page 58)

### Preschool Classroom - Classroom Number: 5


1. **POC:** The caregiver in this class left the children unattended to go up the hallway to take a child to the bathroom. There were 13 unattended children in this class. Technical Assistance: LO suggested to the caregiver to take all the children to the restroom at one time to prevent leaving the classroom with the children unattended. Subchapter 8: Staffing Rule 1.8.1(2) states in part, (2)Children shall not be left unattended at any time. Video monitors cannot be used as a substitute for the physical presence of a caregiver in a room. POC: The director stated the facility will be hiring another staff, however until then the director will be on time and at the facility.

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### 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 that reads "Denise L. Hone". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "D" and "H".