Kansas Administrative Regulations

Department of Health and Environment

Article 4.—Maternal and Child Health—Child Care Centers and Preschools.

28-4-427. Program.

(a) Self-contained units. Programs shall be conducted in self-contained units with staff and children designated for each unit. Applicants that cannot develop self-contained units shall present a plan for use of space to the department for approval.

(b) Equipment, furnishings, and materials.

(1) Low, open shelves shall be provided for play equipment and materials so that they are readily accessible to the children.

(2) Furnishings, including tables and chairs, shall be scaled to the size of the children.

(3) Equipment, materials, and toys used by children shall be of sound construction, free from sharp, rough, loose, or pointed edges, and in good operating condition.

(4) Equipment, furnishings, materials, and toys shall be placed to avoid danger of accident or collision, and to permit freedom of movement.

(5) Equipment, materials, and toys shall be provided in a sufficient quantity so that each child has a choice of at least three activities.

(6) Storage space located conveniently for the staff shall be provided for supplies and equipment not in use.

(7) Each child shall have individual space for the child's garments, clothing, and possessions during the session attended.

(8) Toys and other items used by children shall be clean and be washed and disinfected before being used by another child if contaminated by saliva or other bodily fluids.

(c) Learning experiences.

(1) Each applicant with a temporary permit and each licensee shall ensure there is a written lesson plan that provides daily activities that promote healthy growth and

development, take into consideration the cultural background and traditions that are familiar to the children, and incorporate both indoor and outdoor activities that are appropriate for the ages and developmental levels of the children in care. The activities, supplies, and equipment shall be designed to promote the following:

(A) Self-esteem and positive self-image;

(B) social interaction, self-expression, and communication skills;

(C) math and science skills, which may include sorting, matching, counting, and measuring;

(D) language development and literacy, which may include reading, singing, finger plays, writing, and stories;

(E) large motor, small motor, and visual motor coordination and development, which may include running, climbing, jumping, grasping objects, drawing, buttoning, and tying; and

(F) creative expression, which may include dramatic play, music, and art.

(2) Written lesson plans for each unit shall be made accessible to parents, staff, and the secretary's designee.

(3) A daily schedule shall be planned to provide a balance of active, quiet, individual, and group activities.

(4) The daily schedule shall be posted in each unit.

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