



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
OFFICE OF CHILDHOOD - CHILD CARE COMPLIANCE

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
3/31/2022

DVN
002539097

FACILITY NAME

T-REX INVESTMENTS, LLC

FACILITY ADDRESS

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CITY

HOLTS SUMMIT

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RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(C)9.

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CONCLUSION SUMMARY

Compliance Inspector (CI) Stephanie Spaulding investigated an allegation that for a few weeks now, Child A, age 3-years-old, has reported Ms. Marissa is putting her legs across her while Child A is laying on her cot. Child A, age 3-years-old also reported that Ms. Marissa made her have an accident. Ms. Whitney confirmed the story by explaining that Child A had used the bathroom prior to nap but requested to go again shortly after laying down; however, Ms. Marissa refused to let Child A use the restroom therefore causing Child A to have no other choice but to pee in her pants.

Based on information provided by the staff of T-Rex Investments, LLC and Parent A, this allegation is found to be substantiated and the following rule violation is being cited.

5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(C)9. - Punishment or threat of punishment shall not be associated with food, rest, or toilet training.

This rule was violated based on the following information.

On April 5, 2022, Parent A stated that she spoke to another child's parent and confirmed that MaRissa has been putting her legs on Child A for several weeks now because she wasn't listening and laying down during naptime. She spoke to the director, who told her that she would look into it. The director confirmed to her that she reviewed the video footage and that MaRissa's legs were over Child A, but she was not restraining Child A in any way.

On April 6, 2022, director, Nicci Rexroat stated that there are no cameras in the facility and that she had to take the cameras out due to power problems. Child A is a child that kicks, spits, and runs around the classroom. Staff have told Parent A about Child A's behaviors. She confirmed that MarRissa did put her legs over Child A at naptime, but Child A was never restrained in any way. A behavior plan had been established on March 31, 2022 and was sent to Parent A. She does not believe that any of her teachers have ill intent with children.

On April 6, 2022, caregiver, Whitney McClellan stated that she was not in the room when Ms. MarRissa put her legs on Child A. She heard about the situation the next day and that Child A was moving to her classroom. She messaged Parent A about Child A struggling with transitions and kicking and hitting her. During naptime, Child A had an instance when she 'got sick' when it was time to clean up. She went to the bathroom and she went with Child A. Child A started playing in the bathroom. There was another incident when Child A was in the nap room and started hitting her friends. Parent A was contacted through the Brightwheel application. There were problems with Child A spitting, hitting, and screaming at her. Child A sat on her feet and she told Child A not to sit on her feet. Child A spit in another friends face. A messaged was sent to Parent A as part of the behavior plan.

On April 6, 2022, caregiver, MarRissa Smith stated Child A would not stay on her cot, was hitting friends, and pulling blankets off of other children. She went to sit by Child A and asked if she wanted her to pat her back-she said no. She did put her legs over Child A's body. Child A was not restrained, was able to move, and was wiggling. She had messaged Parent A previously about

Child A's behaviors. Incident reports were not done before, but there is now a behavior policy for the facility. Parent A wouldn't really help when informed about Child A's behaviors.

On April 6, 2022 CI Spaulding received and observed forty incident reports involving Child A from February 1, 2021 to present (April 6, 2022). Multiple reports involving Child A are regarding her behavior in the classroom .

On April 6, 2022 CI Spaulding also received and observed a new form developed by T-Rex Investments, LLC that will be used to notify parents when children are having behaviors at school in place of an accident/incident report. The form indicates that it will be signed by the teacher and the parent.

On April 6, 2022 CI Spaulding also received and observed a Behavior Management Policy developed by T-Rex Investments, LLC and several emails between the facility and Parent A through the Brightwheel application regarding Child A 's behaviors.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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The facility shall conduct a staff meeting to review the center's policies and all licensing rules and regulations regarding discipline. The facility must provide the Office of Childhood with a statement, signed by all staff members (paid employees and paid/unpaid volunteers), to indicate they understand and agree to follow those rules and regulations.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

10/27/2023

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

10/12/2022

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

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