



**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION  
OFFICE OF CHILDHOOD - CHILD CARE COMPLIANCE  
COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF  
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS**

**DATE OF REPORT**  
8/25/2021

**DVN**  
001638339

**FACILITY NAME**  
YOUTH IN NEED

**FACILITY ADDRESS**  
3013 MERAMEC

**CITY**  
ST LOUIS

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63118

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ST LOUIS CITY

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SPAULDING, STEPHANIE

**RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)**

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5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(A)1.

Caregivers shall not leave any child without competent adult supervision.

5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(A)3.

Caregivers shall provide frequent, direct contact so children are not left unobserved on the premises.

5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(D)1.

Infants and toddlers shall have constant care and supervision. Home monitors or commercial devices marketed to reduce the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) shall not be used in place of supervision while children are napping or sleeping.

**CONCLUSION SUMMARY**

On August 25, 2021, the Office of Childhood received an allegation that on August 24, 2021, at 9:02am, Child A, 4-months-old, was left in the classroom, alone for about 5 minutes. The allegation is substantiated based on the following information:

5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(A)1: which states "Caregivers shall not leave any child without competent adult supervision."

AND

5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(A)3: which states "Caregivers shall provide frequent, direct contact so children are not left unobserved on the premises."

AND

5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(D)1: which states "Infants and toddlers shall have constant care and supervision. Home monitors or commercial devices marketed to reduce the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) shall not be used in place of supervision while children are napping or sleeping."

On August 25, 2021, director Natasha Jackson stated that on August 24, 2021, Ms. Carolyn was left in the class with one child. She was cleaning and left to go get supplies at the front of the building. Ms. Naya came in from outside with one child to get her badge and saw Child A in the crib.

On September 21, 2021, director of operations Karen King stated that Ms. Carolyn, Ms. Naya, and Ms. Isabelle were the teachers in the classroom with Child A on August 24, 2021. The child count had not been done correctly. Child A was actually in a crib, but marked as being outside with Ms. Naya and Ms. Isabelle.

On September 21, 2021, caregiver Carolyn Fleming-Miller stated that on August 24, 2021, Ms. Naya and Ms. Isabelle took five of the six children in care outside to the playground. She remained in the room to clean. The child count had not been done correctly and Child A was actually in a crib, but marked as being outside with Ms. Naya and Ms. Isabelle. She left the classroom to get cleaning supplies and when Ms. Naya came into the classroom Ms. Naya realized that Child A was asleep and alone in the classroom.

On September 21, 2021, caregiver Naya Bryson stated that on August 24, 2021, the child count had not been done correctly and no name to face occurred. Child A was actually in a crib, but marked as being outside with her and Ms. Isabelle. She realized that Child A was asleep and alone in the classroom.

**CORRECTIVE MEASURES**

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The facility shall notify all staff members of the violations which were substantiated, and specify the actions to be taken by all staff in order to comply with all licensing violations cited. A copy of the memo, letter, or staff meeting agenda(s) shall be submitted to the Office of Childhood.

**COMPLETED (Y/N)**

Yes

**COMPLETED DATE**

9/21/2021

**DISPOSITION**

SUBSTANTIATED

**DISPOSITION DATE**

1/28/2022

**APPROVING SUPERVISOR**

CHRISCO, MARLA L