



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

**COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS**

DATE OF REPORT
12/1/2020

DVN
002738363

FACILITY NAME

LITTLE LEARNERS OF ST. PETERS

FACILITY ADDRESS

605 S CHURCH ST

CITY

ST PETERS

ZIP CODE

63376-2095

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COUNTY

ST CHARLES

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

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RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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19 CSR 30-62.182 (1)(A)(1)

Caregivers shall not leave any child without competent adult supervision.

19 CSR 30-62.182 (1)(A)(3)

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

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

The allegation that Child A, age 4 years old, was left unattended outside on November 20, 2020 at 3:46pm for approximately 12 minutes, is being substantiated. The following rules were violated:

19 CSR 30-62.182 (1)(A)(1): Caregivers shall not leave any child without competent adult supervision.

AND

19 CSR 30-62.182 (1)(A)(3): Caregivers shall provide frequent, direct contact so children are not left unobserved on the premises.

CCFS Marla Chrisco conducted interviews with director Kim Healey and caregivers Becky Koch, Kayla Johnson and Child A. All staff interviewed made consistent statements that on November 20, 2020 at approximately 3:46 p.m., Child A and the rest of the preschool class had come inside from the playground and Child A had a playground ball in her hand and that Child A went back outside to put the ball away and then did not come back inside. Ms. Kayla stated that she had counted the children at the doorway as they came in and counted Child A. Ms. Kayla stated that she did go back outside to sweep the playground but did not see Child A. All staff interviewed stated that approximately 11 minutes later, Ms. Kayla saw Child A out the window and opened the door and Child A came back inside and was not hurt. Ms. Kim stated that she then called Parent A and told her what had happened. Child A stated that Child A was alone outside on the playground and then a teacher got Child A.

On December 15, 2020, CCFS Marla Chrisco observed video footage of Child A being outside on the playground by herself on November 20, 2020 at about 3:46 p.m. for approximately 11 minutes alone. The time on the video footage said 15:16 but it was really 15:46 according to director Kim Healey who stated that the time on the video footage was 30 minutes off. According to the video footage observed, at 15:16, Child A had been inside holding a playground ball and then went back outside on the playground to put her ball back. At 15:17, caregiver Ms. Kayla Johnson is observed outside sweeping the playground. Child A is not visible on the camera but according to Ms. Kim, Child A was hiding and laying down on the top of the climber. At 15:18 CCFS Chrisco observed on the video footage, in the classroom, Ms. Becky watching a movie with the children inside. At 15:27, the video footage shows Child A coming back inside the classroom. CCFS Chrisco could not see exactly what occurred outside on the playground because the outside camera kept freezing up. CCFS Chrisco observed on the inside camera video footage, the children were taking their coats off and watching a movie sitting on the carpet with Ms. Becky and then the playground door opens and Child A comes in and Ms. Kayla is observed talking to Child A. According to Ms. Kayla and Ms. Becky, Child A was not harmed. CCFS Chrisco also observed the outdoor playground and did not observe any gaps or openings in the fence where Child A could have escape the playground area.

On December 28, 2020, CCFS Marla Chrisco left a message for Parent A to return CCFS Chrisco's call to be interviewed. Parent

A did not return CCFS Chrisco's call and therefore could not be interviewed.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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The facility shall have all staff members (paid employees and paid/unpaid volunteers) obtain one (1) clock hour of approved training on SUPERVISION, outside the Little Learners of St. Peters Program network. Training may be obtained from the Missouri Workshop Calendar. The training calendar can be found at <http://www.moworkshopcalendar.org/>. The local Child Care Aware agency may also assist in finding training. The Child Care Aware website can be found at <http://www.childcareaware.org/>. Verification of training completion shall be from the Open Initiative Toolbox report.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

3/23/2021

CORRECTIVE MEASURE

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 Section for Child Care Regulation.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

2/11/2021

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

1/25/2021

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

CLARK, ANGELA