



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

**DATE OF REPORT**  
7/31/2019

**DVN**  
001028300

**FACILITY NAME**  
SIMS, REBECCA

**FACILITY ADDRESS**  
1109 E 134TH TER

**CITY**  
GRANDVIEW

**ZIP CODE**  
64030

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**COUNTY**  
JACKSON

**ASSIGNED SPECIALIST**  
RUFFIN, MICHELLE

**RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)**

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19 CSR 30-61.175 (1)(C)(7)

Physical punishment including, but not limited to, spanking, slapping, shaking, biting or pulling hair shall be prohibited.

19 CSR 30-61.175 (1)(C)(8)

No discipline technique which is humiliating, threatening or frightening to children shall be used. Children shall not be shamed, ridiculed, or spoken to harshly, abusively or with profanity.

**CONCLUSION SUMMARY**

The Section for Childcare Regulation has determined that Rebecca Sims did violate licensing rule on July 31, 2019 when she admitted to spanking Child E during childcare hours. CCFS Michelle Ruffin conducted an unannounced inspection at Rebecca Sims and conducted interviews with Rebecca Sims, Child H and Child I who all stated that they did not see Rebecca Sims spank Child B. During the interview, Rebecca Sims did state that she does spank Child E, who is her granddaughter, on the bottom during childcare hours. Rebecca Sims stated that she used her hand to pop Child E on her bottom.

**VIOLATION(S)**

19 CSR 30-61.175 (1)(A)(3)

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

19 CSR 30-61.085 (1)(E)

Children shall have no access to areas not approved for child care.

**CONCLUSION SUMMARY**

The Section for Child Care Regulation has determined that Rebecca Sims violated licensing rules when she allowed Child A and Child B to play in the front unapproved yard without adult supervision. During the inspection, interviews were conducted with Rebecca Sims and Child F who both stated that sometimes the children go outside and use sidewalk chalk in the driveway out front. Based on these interviews, and the pictures of Child A and B both in the front yard unsupervised in unapproved outdoor space, this allegation is substantiated.

**CORRECTIVE MEASURES**

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Rebecca Sims will complete the Inclusion 411: Module 4 Reframing: A new way to look at social emotional development and challenging behaviors. This training can be located on the Department of Health And Senior Services website, [www.health.mo.gov](http://www.health.mo.gov). Verification of the training must be submitted to CCFS Ruffin.

**COMPLETED (Y/N)**  
Yes

**COMPLETED DATE**  
10/26/2019

**CORRECTIVE MEASURE**

Rebecca Sims will submit a signed statement that she understands that she cannot use physical discipline on any child during childcare hours.

**COMPLETED (Y/N)**  
Yes

**COMPLETED DATE**  
2/4/2020

**CORRECTIVE MEASURE**

Rebecca Sims will submit a signed statement that she will not allow children to be in unapproved outdoor space during childcare hours.

**COMPLETED (Y/N)**  
Yes

**COMPLETED DATE**  
2/4/2020

**DISPOSITION**

SUBSTANTIATED

**DISPOSITION DATE**

10/24/2019

**APPROVING SUPERVISOR**

KENNEDY, AMY C