



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
3/31/2017

DVN
001227578

FACILITY NAME

CIRCLE OF LIGHT GREATER ACHIEVERS LEARNING CENTER

FACILITY ADDRESS

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CITY

ST LOUIS

ZIP CODE

63147

PHONE NUMBER

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COUNTY

ST LOUIS CITY

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

VIVIANO, KELLY

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

VIOLATION(S)

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

Based on the investigation, the allegation that Ms. Reme screams profanity at children and pulls kids by the arms, is substantiated.

On April 12, 2017, Center Director Quianna Kennell stated that Ms. Reme is her daughter and Ms. Reme does raise her voice when talking to the children. Yesterday (April 11, 2017), she saw Ms. Reme put her hand firmly on a child's arm and push him back. When she saw this, she was standing in the hallway and it appeared that Ms. Reme pushed the child kind of hard. She told Ms. Reme that it was unacceptable and to not to do it again. Ms. Reme is a loud and impulsive person.

On April 12, 2017, caregiver Cherrion Nicks stated that she is Ms. Reme's assistant and has worked with her for about 2 years. She has heard Ms. Reme say the word "hell" in front of the kids and told Ms. Reme to watch her language in front of the kids. She has seen Ms. Reme grab and pull kids hard when frustrated with them. She has seen Ms. Reme push kids to the corner when they refuse to go and force the kids to sit in the corner or on the carpet. She never told Ms. Quianna about any of this cause she didn't think Ms. Reme was hurting the kids or doing it to hurt the kids. Ms. Reme did those things because she was just trying to get control of an upset or out of control kid.

On April 12, 2017, caregiver Reme Hicks stated that she is one of the preschool teachers. The main discipline in her classroom is a verbal warning or going into the corner and she puts kids in the corner for one minute, per their age. Child B (5-years-old) fights her, punches her, kicks her, and doesn't like going to the corner. She takes Child B by the hand and he will fight her and say "No stupid, I'm not going in the corner". She has picked up Child B and moved him to the corner lots of times. Yesterday (April 11, 2017), Child C (4-years-old) acted a fool kicking and screaming. She called Ms. Quianna to tell her he was at it again. When Child C came back to the classroom, he resisted so she got behind Child C and put her hand on his upper back to guide him back into the room. Child C fell on the ground and screamed. Ms. Quianna was in the hallway and saw this and said to not push Child C any more. She told Ms. Quianna that she didn't push Child C and Ms. Quianna said she would get fired if she pushed a kid again.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

CORRECTIVE MEASURE

COMPLETED (Y/N)

COMPLETED DATE

No

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

10/11/2017

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

AHLEMEYER, CARON