



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
11/22/2021

DVN
002703033

FACILITY NAME

THE PEANUTS GANG LEARNING CENTER, INCORPORATED

FACILITY ADDRESS

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CITY

ST PETERS

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RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

VIOLATION(S)

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.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On November 24, 2021 Compliance Inspector (CI) Stephanie Spaulding investigated an allegation that on Friday, November 19, 2021, caregiver, Kyleigh Runnels was terminated after being observed sleeping in the 3 year old classroom by Board Chair, Michael Backers. Based on interviews with the staff of The Peanuts Gang Learning Center, Incorporated; this allegation is found to be substantiated and the following rule violation is being cited.

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

AND

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

This rules were violated based on the following:

On November 24, 2021 board chairperson, Michael Backers stated that he physically saw caregiver, Kyleigh Runnels sleeping in the classroom on November 19, 2021 and terminated her at that time. Caregiver, Kyleigh Runnels worked in the 3-year-old classroom.

CI Spaulding was not able to interview former caregiver, Kyleigh Runnels because this caregiver had already been terminated at the time of investigation.

VIOLATION(S)

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

Caregivers shall not leave any child without competent adult supervision.

5 CSR 25-500.182(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.

5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(E)4.

Diapers and wet clothing shall be changed promptly.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On November 24, 2021 Compliance Inspector (CI) Stephanie Spaulding investigated an allegation that Child A, age 2, was observed to have taken food from the trash can by caregiver, Bridget Davis when she returned to the classroom after break. Caregiver Kyleigh Runnels was the caregiver in the room with Child A at the time the incident occurred. CI Spaulding determines that Child A had taken food from the trash can. In addition, it was determined through interviews with Michael Backers, caregivers, and Child B and Child C that caregiver, Kyleigh Runnels sprayed children with water from a hairspray bottle, threatened children with a broom, and Ms. Kyleigh was not changing diapers when stating that she had. Therefore, the following

rule violation is being cited.

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

This rule was found to be violated based on the following information:

Ms. Kyleigh was present in the preschool classroom when a second caregiver came into the classroom and observed Child A eating from the trash can. Therefore, Ms. Kyleigh was not observing Child A in order for him to be eating an item from the trash can.

On June 8, 2022, caregiver, Bridget Davis stated that she came back into the classroom from break and observed Child A grabbing a rice krispy treat from the trash can. She stopped Child A from putting the rice krispy in his mouth, but also observed Ms. Kyleigh sitting in a chair with her back to Child A not paying any attention to Child A. Staff know that Child A needs to be watched closely.

The following rules are also being cited based on the the corresponding statements.

5 CSR 25-500.182(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.

It was determined that this rule violation was also cited based on the following information:

Child B and Child C both provided consistent statements on November 24, 2021 that Ms. Kyleigh threatened children with a broom and sprayed children with a hairspray bottle. It was determined that the hairspray bottle consisted of water.

The following additional rule violation is also being cited:

5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(E)4. - Diapers and wet clothing shall be changed promptly.

This rule was violated based on the following information:

Board chairperson, Michael Backers provided CI Spaulding with a copy of a discipline action form for caregiver, Kyleigh Runnels in which she stated that she was changing children's diapers and it was determined that Ms. Kyleigh was not changing diapers and documenting that she was.

On June 8, 2022, caregiver, Bridget Davis stated that she would ask Kyleigh to change a child's diaper and later determined that the child's diaper had not been changed.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

CORRECTIVE MEASURE		COMPLETED (Y/N)	COMPLETED DATE
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.		Yes	9/28/2022
DISPOSITION	DISPOSITION DATE		
SUBSTANTIATED	8/3/2022		
APPROVING SUPERVISOR			
CHRISCO, MARLA L			