



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
1/9/2023

DVN
002839610

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RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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5 CSR 25-300.050 (11)

In case of an accident or injury to a child, the provider shall notify a parent immediately. If a child requires emergency medical care, a parent's prior written instructions shall be followed. A form shall be completed indicating the circumstances and the date and time of the injury. The form shall be signed by the caregiver and his/her supervisor. A copy of the form shall be given to the parent the day of the accident or injury and necessary explanations shall be given. The form shall be filed in the child's record.

5 CSR 25-300.040 (1)

Supervision and basic care shall be provided at all license-exempt facilities.

5 CSR 25-300.090 (4)(A)

An outdoor play area available on or adjoining the child care property. Facilities with a capacity of more than ten (10) children shall have a fenced play area. Play areas in facilities with a capacity of ten (10) or fewer children shall be fenced when necessary for the protection of children from traffic, water or other hazards. Fences shall be at least forty-two inches (42") high. Openings in fences shall be no greater than three and onehalf inches (3 1/2");

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On January 9, 2023, the Office of Childhood (OOC) received the allegation that an unknown child was alone on an opposite side of a fence with zero supervision. After conducting an investigation, Compliance Inspector (CI) Liz Hudson found the allegation to be substantiated based on the following information:

5 CSR 25-300.040(1) which states: "Supervision and basic care shall be provided at all license-exempt facilities."

On January 10, 2023, pastor Steve Thacker stated that there was an incident when Child A (2-years-old) was on the parking lot for a couple of minutes until the United Parcel Service (UPS) driver noticed him.

On January 10, 2023, director Kristel Morgan stated that she was aware of the incident involving Child A. Child A was on the parking lot for a couple of minutes until the UPS driver noticed him.

On January 10, 2023, caregiver Madison Venhaus stated that teachers and children were on the playground in the back when Child A got out. No one knew that the fence was loose. She thinks Child A pushed his way out between slats of the fence. Child A was on the parking lot when the UPS driver started honking and waving at the teachers, pointing towards Child A next to the fence.

5 CSR 25-300.090 (4)(A) which states: "An outdoor play area available on or adjoining the child care property. Facilities with a capacity of more than ten (10) children shall have a fenced play area. Play areas in facilities with a capacity of ten (10) or fewer children shall be fenced when necessary for the protection of children from traffic, water or other hazards. Fences shall be at least forty-two inches (42") high. Openings in fences shall be no greater than three and one half inches (3 1/2)"

On January 10, 2023, CI Hudson conducted a walkthrough of the outdoor play space and observed the fence surrounding the playground, specifically the section in which Child A was able to exit through to the parking lot. Standing in the back parking lot, facing the playground, the disabled section of fence was located in the right corner closest to the back parking lot. CI Hudson

observed two slats of the fence disconnected from the upper, horizontal section. This created an opening of approximately eight inches. While staff tried to correct the fencing, a third slat disconnected leaving a wider opening.

5 CSR 25-300.050(11) which states: "In case of an accident or injury to a child, the provider shall notify a parent immediately. If a child requires emergency medical care, a parent's prior written instructions shall be followed. A form shall be completed indicating the circumstances and the date and time of the injury. The form shall be signed by the caregiver and his/her supervisor. A copy of the form shall be given to the parent the day of the accident or injury and necessary explanations shall be given. The form shall be filed in the child's record."

On February 23, 2023, Parent A (parent of Child A) stated that she was not aware of any incident involving Child A leaving the playground through the fence. She was not aware of Child A being found on the back parking lot, unsupervised.

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 violations cited. A copy of the memo, letter, or staff meeting agenda shall be submitted to the Office of Childhood.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

3/14/2023

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

3/6/2023

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

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